

Obedience Judges Association Policy concerning NZKC Obedience Panel Judges Process of Continuation/Reinstatement

Without contradiction of the NZKC Dog Obedience Regulations current at the time, it is the responsibility of all NZKC Obedience Panel Judges to renew their annual "licence", when requested to do so by the New Zealand Kennel Club.

If an NZKC Obedience Panel Judge defaults on their annual "licence" payment, they will be notified by the Obedience Judges Association Treasurer (with copy to NZKC and OJA Secretary), that they are not permitted to judge at any Championship Obedience Show / Open Trials or Ribbon Trials until such time as a remittance (including any arrears or penalties) is paid in full.

If an NZKC Obedience Judge wishes to make themselves unavailable for any judging appointments, but remain on the NZKC Obedience Judges Panel, and for a period not exceeding twelve months, an application for this (using the OJA 013 Form), must be submitted to the Obedience Judges Association Branch President and copied to the OJA Executive Secretary. The annual NZKC 'licence' (and OJA annual subscription) must however continue to be paid.

Any intention to permanently retire from the NZKC Obedience Judges Panel must be indicated using the OJA 013 Form, and submitted to the OJA Branch President and copied to the OJA Executive Secretary and OJA Applications/Promotions Coordinator.

If a former NZKC Obedience Panel Judge wishes to be reinstated on the NZKC Obedience Judges Panel, then an application for this to be considered must be made to the OJA Applications/Promotions Coordinator, and copied to the OJA Branch President. Upon being advised that their application has been accepted (by the OJA Executive Committee), the following procedures will apply in accordance to length off the NZKC Obedience Judges Panel.

- I. **Less than twelve months:** Required to complete a CANI-q questionnaire, and have a favourable report by an OJA Assessor observing their judging of no less than six dogs at the Test level being applied for. Additionally, they shall pay NZKC the equivalent of one year's annual licence fee (and OJA annual subscription).
- II. **1 – 3 Years:** Required to complete the CANI-q questionnaire and observation of at least six dogs (for the test level they are applying for). Additionally, they shall pay NZKC the equivalent of one year's annual licence fee (and OJA annual subscription).
- III. **3 – 6 years:** Required to pass a multi- choice examination for the Test Level they are applying to be reinstated on, in the same manner as if they were applying for promotion onto that Test Panel. Favourable report by an OJA Assessor of a practical assessment of the Test Level for which they are applying for (in the same manner as applying for promotion onto that Judging Panel).
- IV. **6+ Years:** Providing they had been formerly appointed on the NZKC Obedience Judge's Panel, they would be required to pass a multi-choice examination for the Test Level **below** the one they were formally on and have a favourable assessment of their judging skills, as assessed by an OJA Assessor, of a minimum of six dogs, at the Test level they are to be appointed onto, if their application is successful. Upon successful completion of the examination and practical assessment, they will be recommended for the Panel one level

below that which they had previously been placed on. Promotion thereafter would follow the usual requirements, as prescribed in the NZKC Dog Obedience Regulations.