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The Director of Racing may grant any licence for such period and upon such conditions as deemed fit. Any licence may be suspended, cancelled, or refused by the Director.

Applicants MUST note:

- The standard processing timeframe is **7-10 working days** for correctly submitted applications unless the applicant is required to be interviewed by the Director of Racing, which may increase the processing timeframe.
- Lodging an application form and paying the applicable fee **does not** mean applicants are licensed from that time.
- Applications must be approved by the Director and processed by the Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) before a licence becomes active. ORI will notify applicants in writing following approval or denial of their application.

How can I have my application processed as quickly as possible?

Completed applications are processed quicker than those requiring additional information. Before applying, please make sure:

- all sections of the form have been completed;
- all signatures are included;
- supporting documentation is attached (where requested);
- payment details for the application fee (if applicable) is provided with the application; and
- when requested by ORI to have a photo taken at Service Tasmania, you attend to this immediately.

Requests for additional information may delay the assessment of the application.

How long will it take to process my application?

New Application

ORI receives licence applications daily, which are processed in the order they are received. Processing timeframes vary depending on the type of application and whether additional information is required. The Operations team at ORI will endeavour to give you an idea of the processing timeframe for your application should you request it.

Licence Renewals

ORI commits to ensuring that ALL fully completed applications received by the closing date will be processed in time for the applicant to be relicensed for the following season. Applications received after the closing date will be processed in the order they are received and may result in applicants being unlicensed for the beginning of the new season.

Your responsibilities

ORI makes every endeavour to provide a high level of service to participants. To assist us in delivering this level of service please ensure that:

- all interactions between staff and customers occur in a courteous manner;
- staff are treated politely and respectfully;
- all available relevant information is provided; and
- interactions with staff occurs in a co-operative and positive manner.

ORI has a zero tolerance policy of inappropriate behaviour towards its staff. Licenced industry participants engaging in such behaviour will be referred to stewards who will take appropriate action under the rules of racing.

General information applicable to ALL licence categories

The below listed Tasracing Licensing Requirements **MUST** be read carefully prior to completing an application for a licence.

1. Rules of Racing –

All applicants applying for a licence should obtain a copy of the Rules of Racing.

2. National Police Record Check (NPRC)

For persons over the age of eighteen (18) years a current National Police Record Check must accompany an application for licence if:

- a. Applying to be licenced (renewals excepted) in any category if not provided within two (2) years of the date of the application.
- b. The applicant is returning from a period of disqualification and has not provided a police check within two (2) years of the date of the application.
- c. Requested by the Director with reasonable cause. Reasons could include to obtain further detail of information provided previously; outcome of previously pending criminal charges; information submitted with an application to renew a licence.

Applicants who are required to submit a National Police Record Check may be issued a temporary licence for three months prior to lodgement of the police check report if :

- All other requirements for the licence category have been submitted to ORI.
- A copy of the receipt for payment of the NPRC application is provided with the licence application.
- Information provided on the application form does not indicate matters on which the Director may require further details prior to the determination of the application.

NB: A National Police Record Check is deemed current if it has a date of issue no more than 3 months prior to the date that it is lodged with ORI.

3. Evidence of Identity

Applicants must provide evidence of identity by submitting a copy of one of the following documents:

- Birth certificate;
- Current driver's licence; or
- Current passport

4. Mandatory Training Requirements

To obtain and/or maintain a licence of any category, participants must comply with any training requirements as mandated by Tasracing from time to time. For information on current training requirements for any licence category, please contact Tasracing via email to racing@tasracing.com.au or phone (03) 6212 9333. All licensed persons must attend any workshops mandated by Tasracing as compulsory.

Definition of "New Applicant" for Mandatory Training purposes

A new applicant is defined as somebody who has never been previously licenced in the greyhound racing code with the Office of Racing Integrity. New applicants will be provided adequate time to complete any training, commencing from the date that their licence is approved by ORI.

5. Public Trainers

Persons licensed in this category are advised that a period of inactivity of more than five (5) years may result in an interview with the Director of Racing to show cause why this level of licence should be retained.

6. International Applicants

Applicants who are not the holders of Australian citizenship must provide the following with their application in addition to the requirements of a licence:

- Copy of passport.
- Copy of Visa which indicates permission to work in Australia.
- Clearance from the International Controlling Body where **last** licensed, which shows
 - the licence/s held;
 - offence history;
 - If applying for a trainer's licence a performance record including number of winners.

7. Applicant Knowledge and Experience

The Director of Racing may, on application and at their absolute discretion, vary the requirements of the knowledge and/or experience required for any licence category should they be satisfied that the applicant has sufficient knowledge and/or experience to be granted a licence of that category.

8. Suitability of Licence Holders

An applicant must be assessed as a **Fit and Proper Person** to be granted or continue to hold a licence. All licence holders and applicants for licences must meet and continue to meet the requirements to be a "fit and proper" person to hold a licence in Tasmania. The following criteria for a "fit and proper" person will be applied.

"Fit"

To be considered "fit" a person must:

- Be physically fit to perform the duties of a particular license category;
- Have the stated skills and knowledge required for a licence;
- Be able to display the appropriate level of mental fitness to make correct decisions in relation to behaviour by demonstrating a continuing moral commitment to good behaviour and good character.

The Director may require an applicant to provide appropriate evidence of their fitness, skills and knowledge through testing, training and assessment or other means.

"Proper"

The requirements to be considered "proper" relate to the general level of integrity of the person. It is primarily concerned with general behaviour and conduct. The following will be taken into consideration when evaluating the applicant inclusive of:

- History;
- Reputation;
- Integrity;
- Honesty;
- Character;
- Regard to laws and community values

Propriety will be assessed based on the general behaviour and conduct of the applicant, or an executive officer of an applicant including evidence of:

- An applicant's previous racing disciplinary history;
- Any previous acts of dishonesty by the applicant or an executive officer of the applicant;
- Improper behaviour towards an official or employee of the Office of Racing Integrity, Tasracing or a Club and other licensed participants or animals;
- Any conduct or statement made by the applicant, or an executive officer of the applicant, that would impact the applicant's reputation and more broadly the reputation of other licence holders, the Director, an official or an employee of the Office of Racing Integrity, Tasracing, a Club or the racing industry as a whole;

- An ability of the applicant, or any executive officer of the applicant, to consistently operate within the requirements of the racing legislation, a standard, policies of the Office of Racing Integrity or Tasracing, the Rules of Racing and any other laws and regulations in the State of Tasmania, another State, or the Commonwealth, including any gambling and gaming legislation;
- Unsatisfactory behaviour and/or misconduct by the applicant, or an executive officer of the applicant, including police records, court records and letters of complaint regarding the licence holder;
- A failure to adequately demonstrate sufficient and acceptable financial means to fulfil the requirements of the licence;
- Where a licence holder or applicant for a licence has been convicted of or has pleaded guilty to an offence in Tasmania, any state or territory of Australia or in any other country.

Exclusion due to certain convictions

The Director may at any time, including on application, request that a licence holder or applicant provide a current (dated within the last 3 months) National Police Certificate. Where a corporation is the applicant, all executive officers of the corporation may be required to submit such certificates.

All convictions, whether against a law in Tasmania or another State, stated in a national police certificate, will be considered relevant to the application for a licence. An offence committed over 10 years ago may also be considered relevant to the broader assessment of whether an applicant is “fit and proper” to be granted a licence.

The Director may deem that a person is not a “fit and proper” person and thus revoke or not grant a licence if:

- The applicant has been convicted of an offence (the conviction), and the conviction remains on the licence holder’s criminal record, against a law in Tasmania or another State or Country which relates to;
 - Dishonesty, fraud, forgery, match-fixing;
 - Animal welfare or cruelty to animals;
 - Trafficking or supply of drugs, illicit or illegal substances; and

Where a conviction is recorded, the Director may request an interview with the applicant to discuss the conviction.

9. Personal Information Protection Statement

By applying for a Licence, you are providing personal information to the Office of Racing Integrity, Tasmania (ORI), which will manage that information in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*. The personal information collected here will be used by ORI for the purpose of processing your application for a licence and/or registration and associated purposes, pursuant to the *Racing Regulation Act 2004*, associated legislation and the Rules of Racing as adopted by Tasracing from time to time. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being processed or records not being properly maintained. Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected and may be disclosed to contractors and agents of Tasracing, Tasmanian race clubs, law enforcement agencies, courts and other organisations authorised to collect it. Your basic personal information may be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary, for the efficient storage and use of the information. You have the right to access your personal information by request to ORI and you may be charged a fee for this service.

Licensing Procedures

The Director of Racing considers all licence and registration applications and may be assisted in that process by either the Principal Steward, and/or a member of the Stewards' department and/or a Licensing & Registration representative. The Director reserves the right to interview, in person, any person applying for either an initial licence or renewal.

The Director also reserves the right to interview:

- Any licensed or registered person at any time who has been convicted in a court of law of an indictable or summary offence that, in the opinion of the Director, may prejudice the image of racing; or
- A person who has been charged and found guilty by the Stewards of any offence that, in the opinion of the Director, may be detrimental to the image of racing; or
- Any licensed or registered person, upon the recommendation of a Steward or Licensing and Registration Officer.
- Any licensed or registered person, at any time if the Director becomes aware of matters which may prejudice the image of racing, are welfare related or no longer meets the requirements of a fit and proper person.
- Any person, applying for a licence or registration following the completion of a period of disqualification and that person may be required to appear in person.

New Applicant Definition

- A person who is applying for a licence of any category or registration in Tasmania for the first time; or
- A person who has been licensed or registered previously in the greyhound code but not in the preceding season.

Renewal Definition

- A person who was licensed or registered with the same category of licence or registration in the preceding racing season.

Licensing Guidelines

The following guidelines should be viewed generally with each applicant being assessed on their individual merits with the Director reserving the right to have any person appear for interview.

New Applicant

Trainers	First time applicants or persons applying for upgrades will be interviewed by the Director of Racing.
Owners	To be approved by the Director of Racing via a Chairman's Book.
Owner/Attendant	To be approved by the Director of Racing via a Chairman's Book.
Attendants	To be approved by the Director of Racing via a Chairman's Book.
Catchers	To be approved by the Director of Racing via a Chairman's Book.
Breeders, Rearers & Whelpers	To be approved by the Director of Racing via a Chairman's Book.
Renewals	All categories to be approved by the Director of Racing via a Chairman's Book.
Interstate Applicants	Each interstate applicant will be assessed on their merits given the licence held and experience obtained through the appropriate jurisdiction where the individual has been licensed.

Licensing Review Guidelines

All licences are subject to review at any time but, at least on an annual basis. Relevant matters for the Director to consider include:

- (a) If the participant has been found guilty of breaches of the Rules of Racing on multiple occasions;
- (b) If a greyhound that the participant is responsible for is not presented in a way public confidence can be guaranteed;
- (c) If the participant engages in actions that are detrimental to the image of the industry and public perception;
- (d) If the participant fails to meet a level of activity commensurate with the licence category; or
- (e) If the participant no longer meets the requirements of a “fit” and “proper” person.

The Director of Racing may issue a show cause notice on any participant, who is deemed not to meet the guidelines, as to why they should retain their licence.

Renewals

All licence renewals are issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who has lodged a completed renewal application form accompanied with the prescribed fee and any other required documentation. Renewal applications are reviewed by the Licensing & Registration Officer and the Chairman of Stewards before being presented to the Director.

The above Licensing Procedures refer to all licences, whether they are a new application, an upgrade, or a renewal.

Fee Schedule 2024-25

Licensing Category		Fee (\$)	
		1 year	3 years
Owner		Subsidised by Tasracing – 5yrs \$40	
Breeder	New or Renewal	Subsidised by Tasracing \$27	N/A
Whelping or Rearer	New Applicant	Subsidised by Tasracing \$27	N/A
	Renewal	\$27.00	N/A
Catcher	New or Renewal	No Fee	N/A
Attendant	New	Subsidised by Tasracing \$41	N/A
	Renewal	41.00	98.00
Owner Attendant	New Applicant	Subsidised by Tasracing \$74	N/A
	Renewal	41.00	93.00
Owner Trainer	New Applicant	79.00	N/A
	Renewal	46.00	111.00
Trainer Public	New or Renewal	110.00	265.00
Replacement Licence Card		30.00	
Private Syndicate	Initial Registration	110.00	N/A
	Annual Renewal	66.00	N/A
Public Syndicate	Initial Registration	210.00	N/A
	Annual Renewal	84.00	N/A

Registration Categories

Partnership

Fee: N/A

A *Partnership* is a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) persons. All persons in a partnership must be licensed as either an owner, owner/attendant, trainer public or owner/trainer.

Private Syndicate Registration

Fee: \$110.00

Private Syndicates are a group of at least two (2) licensed persons but no more than 20 registered persons who may own and race a greyhound in a name other than the names of the syndicate members.

A *Syndicate* registration is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a group of persons who have:

- Lodged a completed application form accompanied with the prescribed fee.
- Nominated a Syndicate Manager and Alternative Syndicate Manager who must both be licensed as either an owner, owner/attendant, trainer public or owner/trainer.
- **All** syndicate members who do not hold a licence with owner privileges, will be registered as stipulated for a Syndicate Member. NB: Persons registered as such may only own a greyhound as part of the currently registered syndicate.

Public Syndicate Registration

Fee: \$210.00

Public Syndicates must not have any more than fifty (50) Members and must be registered with ASIC and the Controlling Body before advertising, offering, or selling any shares. NB: Members of a Public Syndicate are not required to be registered as owners under the Rules.

A *Public Syndicate* registration is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a group of persons who have:

- Lodged a completed application form accompanied with the prescribed fee.
- Lodged all documentation as required under Local Rule 46B.19 together with evidence of ASIC registration.
- Nominated a Syndicate Manager and Alternative Syndicate Manager who are empowered to sign and execute documents on behalf of a Public Syndicate and must maintain all records as required under Local Rule 46B.16. These persons must hold a licence with owner privileges.

Syndicate Member

Fee: No Fee

The holder of a *Syndicate Member* registration may only own greyhounds as part of a registered private syndicate.

A *Syndicate Member's* registration is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who has:

- Attained the age of eighteen (18) years.
- Provided personal details as required on a Private Syndicate Application Form as approved by the Director of Racing.

Licence Categories

Owner

Fee: Tasracing subsidised

The holder of an *Owner Licence* may own greyhounds or be a manager or member of a syndicate. The licence holder is not permitted to catch, handle, parade, kennel or train greyhounds at any registered racetrack, trial track or licenced trainer's property.

An *Owner licence* is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who has:

- Attained the age of eighteen (18) years.
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- If not previously submitted, provided evidence of identity. (*Refer to Page 5*)

NB: An Owner licence will be for a period of five (5) years with an expiry date of 31 July in the relevant year.

Breeder/Whelpers/Rearer

Fee: Tasracing subsidised

The managing owner of any registered female greyhound to be used for breeding purposes, or person with an authority (Form B) to breed a litter from a registered female greyhound, or a person engaged by the breeder who has the day-to-day care, control and custody of a female greyhound used for breeding or the rearing of greyhound pups, must hold the relevant licence to undertake the particular activity.

Definitions:

Breeder – The managing owner of a registered female greyhound who can apply for her registration as a Breeding Female and arrange for the service or artificial insemination. A breeder is also entitled to whelp, rear and pre-educate the litter of greyhound pups.

Whelpers – A person engaged by the breeder to have the day-to-day care, control and custody of the Breeding Female including whelping, care, and custody of her litter until the pups have been vaccinated, and microchipped.

Rearer – A person who takes possession and thereby assumes responsibility for a greyhound pup for the purpose of rearing and education, from the time the pup has been vaccinated, and microchipped until such time as the greyhound is transferred to a trainer's racing kennel.

Any **new applicant** who can demonstrate sufficient breeding knowledge and experience with animals other than greyhounds, can apply to be recognised as a **breeder, whelpers or rearer**. The application will be reviewed by the Director of Racing and the Regulatory Veterinarian who will have absolute discretion in determining if the application is to be approved.

Applicants should also read the Greyhound Breeder Licensing Fact Sheet on the ORI website - <http://nre.tas.gov.au/racing/greyhound-racing/registration-and-licensing-greyhound>

A *Breeder, Whelpers or Rearer* licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who has:-

- **For a Breeder licence**, a current licence with ownership privileges in the greyhound industry in Tasmania.
- Attained the age of eighteen (18) years.
- Completed and lodged the relevant application form with the prescribed fee (if a fee is applicable).
- If not previously submitted, provided evidence of identity. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Submitted and successfully completed the Breeder's Education Package Questionnaire Units required for the activities to be conducted.
- A suitable property for the breeding and housing of greyhounds.
- Had a satisfactory inspection of their property by Stewards once the application is of an appropriate level for approval by the Director.
- Met all relevant local government (Council) and state government regulations and can provide evidence if requested.

NB: Persons who intend applying for a licence as a Whelpers or Rearer are not required to hold a current licence with ownership privileges unless they intend to be involved in the greyhound industry in another capacity.

CATCHER

Catcher (12 & 13 year old ONLY)

Fee: No Fee

A *Catcher* registration allows a 12 or 13 year old person to catch and box greyhounds at trials only at a registered track. These catchers must be directly supervised by an adult (18yo+) who holds a current full adult registration with the Office of Racing Integrity. **This registration will not allow you to perform any roles at a race meeting.**

A *Catcher* licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who has:

- Attained the age of 12 or 13 years. (*Written parental consent is required*)
- Lodged a completed application form.
- Provided evidence of identity which confirms age. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Provided a supervision and instruction agreement completed by a person who holds a full adult registration with ORI.
- Once issued with a Photo Letter of Authority by ORI, attend a Service Tasmania outlet and have their photo taken to allow the issue of a registration card.

ATTENDANTS

Attendant (Handler) - Provisional

Fee: See Fee Schedule

The holder of an *Attendant Provisional* licence may catch any greyhound at **trials only** and may handle, parade, or kennel any greyhound at any race meeting under the supervision of a nominated licensed Trainer.

An *Attendant Provisional* licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who has:

- Attained the age of fourteen (14) years.
(*Written parental consent is required if under eighteen (18) years of age*)
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- If not already submitted, provided evidence of identity. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- For persons over eighteen (18) years of age, submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Provided a supervision and instruction agreement completed by a person who holds a Trainer's registration with ORI.

Attendant (Handler)

Fee: See Fee Schedule

The holder of an *Attendant* licence may catch, handle and parade or kennel any greyhounds at trials or race meetings.

An *Attendant* licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who has:

- Attained the age of fourteen (14) years.
(*Written parental consent is required if under eighteen (18) years of age*)
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- If not already submitted, provided evidence of identity. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- For persons over eighteen (18) years of age, submitted a current National Police Record Check if required (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Satisfactorily completed the Attendant Questionnaire, if not already completed (catching and handling duties).
- Completed the mandatory training and submitted evidence of completion within twelve (12) months or within such other time limits imposed.
- Undertaken catching at trial meetings for a period of at least one (1) month and during that time caught a minimum of twenty (20) greyhounds. **(NB: This is not required if the applicant has held a 12 or 13 year old Catcher licence)**
- Lodged an activity record sheet completed by the trainer they have been working for attesting to their ability to undertake this role including the number of occasions the person has carried out the duties of a catcher at trials.

To be granted permission to be an attendant to handle, kennel or parade a greyhound at race meetings without supervision from a trainer, applicants must –

- Carry out attendant activities at race meetings under the supervision of a nominated licensed trainer on at least six (6) occasions.
- Lodge an activity record sheet completed by the trainer they have been working for attesting to their ability to undertake this role including the number of occasions the person has carried out the duties of a handler at race meetings.

NB: Consideration will be given to experience gained if the applicant has been previously licensed in this category or higher and evidence of such registration can be confirmed by ORI, to allow the waiving of the provisional supervisory requirements.

Owner/Attendant

Fee: See Fee Schedule

The holder of an *Owner/Attendant* licence may own greyhounds; be a manager or member of a syndicate; catch and/or handle and parade or kennel any greyhounds at trials or race meetings. The licence holder is not permitted to train greyhounds.

An *Owner/Attendant* licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who has:

- Attained the age of eighteen (18) years.
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- If not previously submitted, provided evidence of identity. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Satisfactorily completed the Owner/Attendant Questionnaire, if not already completed.
- Completed the mandatory training and submitted evidence of completion within twelve (12) months or within such other time limits imposed.
- Undertaken catching at trial meetings for a period of at least one (1) month and during that time caught a minimum of twenty (20) greyhounds
- Lodged an activity record sheet completed by the trainer they have been working for attesting to their ability to undertake this role including the number of occasions the person has carried out the duties of a catcher at trials.

To be granted permission to be an attendant to handle, kennel or parade a greyhound at race meetings **without supervision** from a trainer, applicants must –

- Carry out attendant activities at race meetings under the supervision of a nominated licensed trainer on at least six (6) occasions.
- Lodge an activity record sheet completed by the trainer they have been working for attesting to their ability to undertake this role including the number of occasions the person has carried out the duties of a handler at race meetings.

TRAINERS

Owner/Trainer

Fee: See Fee Schedule

The holder of an *Owner/Trainer* licence may, train greyhounds that are owned or part owned by themselves or by the person's spouse, other domestic partner, parent, sibling, or child; nominate and scratch greyhounds trained by them; be the registered owner or part owner of any greyhound; be a manager or a member of a syndicate; catch, handle, parade or kennel any greyhounds at trials or race meetings.

Persons must meet the following pre-requisites to have an application for this category of licence considered:

- Currently hold an Attendant or Owner-Attendant licence and have held that licence for not less than 6 months; or
- Currently hold an equivalent licence in another code of racing and have held that licence for a period of at least one (1) year.

OR – if the applicant does not currently hold a licence as stated above:

- Previously have held (with any Controlling Body), a greyhound owner-trainer licence (or its equivalent or higher level) and have been licensed as such within three (3) years from the date that an application is submitted to the Office of Racing Integrity.

An *Owner/Trainer* licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who meets the above pre-requisites and who has:

- Attained the age of eighteen (18) years.
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee
- If not previously submitted, provided evidence of identity. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Submitted an acknowledgement of sufficient financial resources to maintain the welfare of greyhounds.
- Acknowledged that they will obtain a Workers Compensation Insurance policy for all paid and voluntary workers if required to do so under State Law. Trainers may be required to provide evidence of a current Workers Compensation Insurance Policy and/or Volunteers Insurance Policy on the request of Stewards or ORI Official.
- For new applications, submitted a copy of Local Council Kennel Licence/Registration for applicants who have more than two (2) greyhounds at any one address.
- For licence renewal, met all local government (Council) and state government regulations and be able to provide evidence of same if requested by an ORI Steward or authorised person.
- Satisfactorily completed the Trainer Questionnaire.
- Submitted one (1) written reference from a currently licensed Trainer.
- Completed the mandatory training and submitted evidence of completion or equivalent as approved by Tasracing within twelve (12) months or within such other time limits imposed.
- Suitable kennels for the management and housing of greyhounds.
- Had a successful interview with the Director of Racing.
- Had their kennels inspected to the satisfaction of Stewards once the application is of an appropriate level for approval by the Director of Racing.

Workers Compensation Insurance

Trainers must take out a workers compensation insurance policy with a licensed insurer to provide indemnity for workers compensation claims made by a worker in accordance with the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988. Workers' compensation legislation largely considers volunteers to be "workers". For more information go to worksafe.tas.gov.au or speak to an insurance specialist.

The holder of a *Trainer Public* licence may train greyhounds owned by them and/or any registered owner; nominate and scratch any greyhounds trained by them; be the registered owner or part owner of any greyhound; be a manager or a member of a syndicate, catch, handle, parade or kennel any greyhound at trials or race meetings.

Persons must meet the following pre-requisites to have an application for this category of licence considered:

- Currently hold an Owner-Trainer licence and have held that licence for not less than twelve (12) months; or
- Currently hold an equivalent licence in another code of racing and have held that licence for a period of at least two (2) years.

OR – if the applicant does not currently hold a licence as stated above

- Previously have held (with any Controlling Body), a Trainer Public licence (or its equivalent or higher level) and been licensed as such within three (3) years from the date that an application is submitted to the Office of Racing Integrity.

A Trainer Public licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who meets the above pre-requisites and has:

- Attained the age of eighteen (18) years.
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- If not previously submitted, provided evidence of identity. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (*Refer to Page 5*)
- Submitted an acknowledgement of sufficient financial resources to maintain the welfare of greyhounds.
- Acknowledged that they will obtain a Workers Compensation Insurance policy for all paid and voluntary workers if required to do so under State Law. Trainers may be required to provide evidence of a current Workers Compensation Insurance Policy and/or Volunteers Insurance Policy on the request of Stewards or ORI Official.
- For new applications, submitted a copy of Local Council Kennel Licence/Registration for applicants who have more than two (2) greyhounds at any one address.
- For licence renewal, met all local government (Council) and state government regulations and be able to provide evidence of same if requested by an ORI Steward or authorised person.
- If not currently licensed as a trainer, submitted one (1) written reference from a currently licensed Trainer Public.
- Completed the mandatory training and submitted evidence of completion or equivalent as approved by Tasracing within twelve (12) months or within other time limits imposed.
- Suitable kennels for the management and housing of greyhounds.
- Had a successful interview with the Director of Racing.
- Had their kennels inspected to the satisfaction of Stewards once the application is of an appropriate level for approval by the Director of Racing.

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Contact details

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