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General Information

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:

- 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.
- Lodging an application form and paying the applicable fee does not mean that 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 of their application.

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

Completed applications are processed more quickly 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 of 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 straight away.

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

How long will it take to process my application?

New Application

ORI receive licence applications daily and these are processed in the order that they are received.

Processing timeframes vary depending on the type of application and whether additional information is required. The Operations department 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 to be relicensed for the following season. Applications received after the closing date will be processed in the order that they are received.

Your responsibilities

ORI make every endeavour to provide a high level of service to participants. You can help us deliver that level of service by ensuring 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
- the interaction occurs in a co-operative and positive manner.

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 the person is:

 - a. Applying for any category of licence if not provided within two (2) years of the date of the application.
(NB: If the applicant holds a current harness driver's licence a police record check will not be required as part of a trainer application.)
 - b. Returning from a period of disqualification, if not provided within two (2) years of the date of the application.
 - c. When the Director has reasonable cause to require any person to submit a police record check. Reasons could include to obtain further details of information provided previously; outcome of previously pending criminal charges.
 - d. Applicants who are required to submit a National Police Record Check may be issued a temporary licence prior to lodgement of the report on the following conditions –
 - i. All other requirements for the licence category are submitted to ORI.
 - ii. A copy of the receipt for payment of the NPRC application is provided with the licence application.
 - iii. A temporary licence will only be issued for a period of 3 months and will be revoked following that period until the NPRC is submitted to ORI.
 - iv. Information provided on the application form does not indicate matters which the Director may require further details prior to 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. **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 registered previously in the licence category applied for (in the specific code) with the Office of Racing Integrity. In this instance, the new applicant will be provided adequate time to complete any training, commencing from the date that their registration is approved by ORI.

4. **Evidence of Identity**

Applicants must provide evidence of identity by submitting one of the following –

- Copy of birth certificate; or
- Copy of current driver's licence; or
- Copy of current passport

5. **International Applicants** - Applicants who are not the holders of Australian citizenship must provide the following with their application in addition to the requirements of the 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 driving licence, performance record including number of winning drives.

Full medical examination report issued by an Australian Registered Medical Practitioner (if necessary for particular licence).

6. **Drivers Level of Activity** – For a licence renewal of Driver A or B, must have driven in a minimum of 10 races over the preceding 12-month period, unless special circumstances can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Director.

An applicant for a driver's licence who has not driven for an extended period may be required to complete trial drives as recommended by Stewards before returning to race driving. The activity level of a driver will be reviewed at least at the time of renewal. Completed trial drives and trackwork may be taken into consideration when assessing activity levels. Applicants may be required to attend for interview with the Director of Racing if their level of activity is determined to be at a low level.

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 inclusive of:

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

Propriety will be assessed based on general behaviour and conduct by an applicant, or an executive officer of an applicant, in particular any 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 on the applicant's reputation and more broadly on the reputation of other licence holders, the Director, an official or 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 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 applicant applying for either an initial licence or renewal.

The Director also reserves the right to interview-

- Any licensed 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 person, upon the recommendation of a Steward or Licensing and Registration Officer.
- 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 in Tasmania for the first time; or
- A person who has been licensed previously in the harness code but not in the preceding season.

Renewal Definition

- A person who was licensed with the same category of licence 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 Panel reserving the right to have any person appear before it.

New Applicant:

Trainers:	First time applicants or persons applying for upgrades will be interviewed by the Director.
Drivers:	To be approved by the Director of Racing via a Chairman's Book unless Stewards determine an interview is necessary.
	Applicants wishing to upgrade to A Grade Driver may need to attend for an interview with the Director.
	Applicants wishing to upgrade to B Grade Driver are to be approved by the Director on the recommendation of the Chairman of Stewards.
Stablehands:	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 licensed participants are subject to review, on at least 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 horse 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 require review and consideration of 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 applicant, an upgrade, or a renewal.

Fee Schedule 2023-24

Licensing

Category	Fees Breakdown					
	Total Fee (\$)	Licence Component	Personal Accident	Public Liability	Drivers Liability	SMS Service (Optional)
Stablehand (Provisional)	No Fee	na	na	na	na	na
Stablehand (Renewal)	\$110.00	\$71.08	\$38.92	na	na	na
Stablehand (New)	\$38.92	Tasracing Subsidised	\$38.92	na	na	na
Trials Driver	\$165.00	\$100.14	\$38.92	na	\$25.94	na
Driver	\$187.00	\$122.14	\$38.92	na	\$25.94	na
Driver – King Island Resident	\$126.00	\$61.14	\$38.92	na	\$25.94	na
Trainer/Driver	\$341.00	\$186.28	\$38.92	\$64.86	\$25.94	\$25.00
Trainer/Driver – King Is Res	\$248.00	\$93.28	\$38.92	\$64.86	\$25.94	\$25.00
Trainer	\$252.00	\$123.22	\$38.92	\$64.86	na	\$25.00
Trainer – King Island Resident	\$190.00	\$61.22	\$38.92	\$64.86	na	\$25.00

Syndicate

	Total Fee
Initial Registration	\$108.00
Annual Renewal	\$52.00
Add or Delete Member	\$16.00
Replacement Licence Card	\$25.00

Compulsory Insurance Component

Compulsory Insurance – Personal Accident insurance is included in all licence fees; such cover being limited to the conditions of the policy. Driver's licence fees also include a component for driver-to-driver legal liability insurance. Trainer's licence fees also include a component for Public Liability Insurance. Information can be found on the Tasracing Corporate website at Harness Insurance Program – Tasmania (tasracingcorporate.com.au) or <http://www.vinsurancegroup.com/hra/>.

Licence Categories

Stablehand (Provisional)

Fee: See schedule of fees

The holder of a Stablehand (Provisional) licence may, under the supervision or instructions of the employing trainer, assist with the training, management, care, and control of horses at the trainer's registered property for a maximum period of 30 days.

NB: This licence is issued to allow the applicant and the trainer time to assess employment suitability. Not permitted to assist any other trainer or undertake driving activities during this trial period.

A Stablehand (Provisional) licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who has:

- Attained the age of fourteen (14) years. (Parental consent required for applicants under the age of 18 years.)
- Lodged a completed Provisional Licence application form, co-signed by the employing trainer.
- Provided evidence of identity. (*Refer to Page 4*)

To continue working at the end of the provisional period persons must submit a full application prior to the expiry date of the provisional licence and provide all required documentation relevant to a full Stablehand licence.

Stablehand (Non-Driving)

Fee: See schedule of fees

The holder of a *Stablehand* licence may, under the supervision or instruction of a licensed A or B grade trainer, carry out trackwork, assist with the training, management, care, and control of horses and assist with pre-race preparation of, and post-race procedures affecting a horse.

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

- Attained the age of fourteen (14) years. (Parental consent required for applicants under the age of 18 years.)
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- Provided evidence of identity, if not previously submitted. (*Refer to Page 4*)
- Provided a written reference from a licensed person.
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (See Page 4 for further details)
- For new applicants (as defined), acknowledged they will complete the mandatory training and submit evidence of completion within twelve (12) months of being licensed.
- For a licence renewal, submitted evidence of completion of the applicable mandatory training if not previously provided.
- Been interviewed to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

Stablehand (Driving)

Fee: See schedule of fees

The holder of a *Stablehand* licence may, under the supervision or instructions of a licensed A or B grade trainer, carry out trackwork, assist with the training, management, care, and control of horses and assist with pre-race preparation of, and post-race procedures affecting a horse.

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

- Attained the age of fourteen (14) years. (Parental consent required for applicants under the age of 18 years.)
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- Provided evidence of identity, if not previously submitted. (*Refer to Page 4*)
- Lodged a fully completed medical examination report completed by a Medical Practitioner showing appropriate fitness and any other medical information as required, if you wish to perform driving duties of any kind and every five (5) years thereafter. The Director reserves the right to request a medical examination report from an applicant at any time if considered necessary.
- Provided a written reference from a licensed person.
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (See Page 4 for further details)
- For new applicants (as defined), acknowledged they will complete the mandatory training and submit evidence of completion within twelve (12) months of being licensed.
- For a licence renewal, submitted evidence of completion of the applicable mandatory training if not previously provided.
- Been interviewed to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

Drivers

Grade C Driver (Trials)

Fee: \$165.00

The holder of a *Grade C Driver* licence may perform all stablehand duties, drive at trials, and is permitted to carry out trackwork on registered tracks and to drive at any meeting to prepare a horse to race at that meeting other than during the horse's immediate pre-race preliminary.

Driver C applicants must have –

- Been licensed as an active driving Stablehand for the six (6) month period immediately preceding an application being lodged with ORI and provided a satisfactory written reference from a trainer they have worked for confirming competence and knowledge.

A *Grade C Driver* 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 fifteen (15) years. (Parental consent required for applicants under the age of 18 years.)
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- Provided evidence of identity, if not previously submitted. (Refer to Page 4)
- Provided Emergency Medical and Next of Kin information.
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (See Page 4 for further details)
- Lodged a fully completed medical examination report completed by a Medical Practitioner showing appropriate fitness to drive and any other medical information as required annually.
- For new applicants (as defined), acknowledged they will complete the mandatory training and submit evidence of completion within twelve (12) months of being licensed.
- For a licence renewal, submitted evidence of completion of the applicable mandatory training if not previously provided.
- Had a successful interview with the Director of Racing. (If required by Stewards)

A Driver C may be granted permission to drive in races on King Island under the following conditions.

Written request is required.

- Has attained the age of sixteen (16) years. (Parental consent required for applicants under the age of 18 years).
- Has held a Driver C licence for a minimum of six (6) months in the period immediately preceding a request.
- Has driven in a minimum of 10 trials with at least five (5) of those having been in standing start trials.
- Has been approved by the Chairman of Stewards.

Grade B Driver (Country and Provincial)

Fee: See schedule of fees

The holder of a *Grade B Driver* Licence may perform all stablehand duties, drive in trials, and is also licensed to drive in provincial and country meetings, including provincial and country meetings at metropolitan sites, but is not permitted to drive in races of a metropolitan class without prior permission.

Grade B applicants must have:

- Held a Driver C licence for a minimum period of 6 months.
- During that time or over the 12 months prior to submitting an application, completed a minimum of twenty (20) satisfactory trial drives, with a minimum of six (6) trial drives in standing starts, all of which must have been in fields of more than two (2) horses.
- Completed any mandatory training as required by Tasracing or submit evidence of training to the same level completed with another racing jurisdiction or organisation.
- Attended specific driver education sessions as mandated by Tasracing.
- **For King Island Resident Applicants Only who have been licensed as an active driving Stablehand for at least the six (6) month period immediately preceding an application, completed a minimum of six (6) satisfactory trial drives, including a minimum of three (3) trial drives in standing starts.**
- **A full Grade B Driver licence may be granted to a person who obtained their licence under the King Island resident criteria once the person has completed at least 10 King Island race drives and meets any other requirements determined by Stewards. Each application will be considered on its merits and if necessary, Stewards may require the applicant to complete trial drives at mainland Tasmania official trial sessions prior to driving in races.**
- Demonstrated competent use of whip and hopple shorteners.
- Completed all driving related requirements to the satisfaction of Stewards.

A *Grade B Driver* licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who meets the above prerequisites and has:

- Attained the age of sixteen (16) years. (Parental consent required for applicants under the age of 18 years.)
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- Provided evidence of identity, if not previously submitted. (*Refer to Page 4*)
- Provided Emergency Medical and Next of Kin information.
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (See Page 4 for further details)
- Lodged a fully completed medical examination report completed by a Medical Practitioner showing appropriate fitness to drive and any other medical information as required annually.
- For a licence renewal, met the driver's activity level requirements.
- For a licence renewal, submitted evidence of completion for the mandatory training as approved by Tasracing if not previously provided.

Grade A Driver (Metropolitan)

Fee: See schedule of fees

The holder of a *Grade A Driver* licence may perform all stablehand duties and has the driving rights of both B and C Drivers and additionally is permitted to drive at metropolitan meetings.

Driver A applicants must fulfil at least two of the following –

- Held a Grade B Driver's licence for not less than 18 months in the period immediately preceding the application; and have a
 - Minimum of 200 drives; or
 - Minimum of 50 Winning Drives

A *Grade A Driver* licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who meets the above prerequisites and has:

- Attained the age of sixteen (16) years. (Parental consent required for applicants under the age of 18 years.)
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- Provided evidence of identity, if not previously submitted. (*Refer to Page 4*)
- Provided Emergency Medical and Next of Kin information.
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (See Page 4 for further details)
- Lodged a fully completed medical examination report completed by a Medical Practitioner showing appropriate fitness to drive and any other medical information as required annually.
- For new applicants (as defined), submit evidence of training completed with another racing jurisdiction or organisation or acknowledge that they will complete the Tasracing mandatory training within twelve (12) months of being licensed.
- For a licence renewal, submitted evidence of completion for the mandatory training as approved by Tasracing if not previously provided.
- For a licence renewal, met the driver's activity level requirements.
- Been approved to the satisfaction of the Stewards, and/or if deemed necessary attended an interview with the Director of Racing.

Trainers

Grade A and Grade B and Grade C Trainer's licences are issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who must have:

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- Attained the age of eighteen (18) years.
- Lodged a completed application form with the prescribed fee.
- Provided evidence of identity, if not previously submitted. (Refer to Page 4)
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required. (See Page 4 for further details)
- Acknowledge that a current Workers Compensation Policy will be maintained for paid and voluntary workers if required under State Legislation.
- For new applicants (as defined), acknowledge that they will complete the mandatory training and submit evidence of completion within twelve (12) months of being licensed submit evidence of training completed with another racing jurisdiction or organisation.
- For a licence renewal, submitted evidence of completion for the mandatory training as approved by Tasracing if not previously provided.
- Lodged a fully completed medical examination form completed by a Medical Practitioner showing appropriate fitness and any other medical information as required if you wish to perform driving duties of any kind; and every following five (5) years thereafter. The Director reserves the right to request a medical examination report from an applicant at any time if considered necessary.
- Had a successful interview with the Director of Racing. (New applicants, upgrades or other persons determined by the Director)
- Suitable facilities for housing Standardbred horses, which are subject to inspection and approval by the Stewards.
- Confirmed licensing of an equivalent level with an interstate racing jurisdiction or alternate code of racing can be used to evaluate an application.
- For Trainer C or Trainer B applicants, have experience in equine pursuits (in a non-licensed capacity) for a minimum of five (5) years.

Trainer C Requirements

Fee: See schedule of fees

The holder of a Grade C Trainer licence can break in, educate, and exercise horses but cannot nominate a horse for races or trials. Trainer C applicants must have in addition to the General Requirements listed above -

- Satisfactorily completed the Trainer's Questionnaire
- **In the case of an applicant for a C Grade Trainer's licence who has not been licensed as a trainer previously, the following additional requirements apply:**
 - Must have been an active stablehand for the six (6) month period immediately preceding an application and provided a written reference from the trainer they have been working for or a currently licensed trainer.
- **In the case of an applicant for a C Grade Trainer's licence who has previously been licensed as a trainer in the harness industry but has not been licensed in any category during the last ten (10) years:**
 - Must have been an active stablehand for the three (3) month period immediately preceding an application and provided a written reference from the trainer they have been working for or a currently licensed trainer.

Trainer B Requirements

Fee: See schedule of fees

The holder of a Grade B Trainer licence may train any registered Standardbred horse which that person owns or partly owns, or which is owned by the person's spouse, other domestic partner, parent, sibling or child, or any horse approved by the Controlling Body upon the written application of the person. A person holding a Trainer "B" licence will be permitted to train a maximum of ten (10) horses at any given time. For the purposes of this condition, the calculation of a maximum of ten (10) horses will be based on stable returns processed by the Office of Racing Integrity.

Trainer B applicants must have in addition to the General Requirements listed above -

- Satisfactorily completed the Trainer's Questionnaire, if not previously submitted;
- **In the case of an applicant for a B Grade Trainer's licence who has not been licensed as a trainer previously, the following additional requirements apply:**
 - Must have been an active stablehand for the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding an application and provide a written reference from the trainer they have been working for or from a currently licensed A or B Grade Trainer.

- **In the case of an applicant for a B Grade Trainer's licence who has previously been licensed as a trainer in the harness industry but has not been licensed in any category during the last ten (10) years:**
 - Must have been an active stablehand for the six (6) month period immediately preceding an application and provide a written reference from the trainer they have been working for or from a currently licenced trainer.

Trainer A Requirements

Fee: See schedule of fees

The holder of a Grade A Trainer licence may train any registered Standardbred horse.

- In the case of an upgrade to a Grade A Trainer, applicants must have -
 - Held a Grade B Trainer licence for the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding an application and during that time trained three (3) individual winners or demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Director of Racing a level of success commensurate with the number of horses that have been trained by the applicant.
 - Submitted one (1) written reference from a currently licensed A Grade Trainer.
 - Completed all mandated training units and submitted a copy of Evidence of Completion.

Interstate Visiting Trainer

No Fee

Any trainer licensed by another jurisdiction who intends racing a horse in Tasmania, will need to provide the following information on the Prescribed Form at the time of nomination –

- Date of arrival in the State
- Period intending to stay in the State
- Names of any horse/s the trainer intends to race in the State during that time
- Where the horse/s will be stabled when in the State
- The name of any stablehand who will be assisting the trainer while in Tasmania.
- Details of who will be responsible for the horse while it is stabled in Tasmania.

Training Partnerships

Fee: N/A

1. Permission to train in partnership may be issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to -
 - (a) Two (2) trainers who have been granted a trainer's licence under **AHRR 90A** provided that one of the trainers is licensed as Trainer A.
 - (b) Three (3) trainers who are immediate family members and who have each been granted a trainer's licence under **AHRR 90A** provided that one of the trainers is licensed as Trainer A.
 - (c) Trainers who have permission to train in partnership:
 - i) Must not train any horses as individuals or in another training partnership;
 - ii) Share all responsibilities, duties, and obligations under the Rules regarding the training of racehorses.
 - (d) An application for permission to train in a partnership shall:
 - i) Be in such form;
 - ii) Provide such information; and
 - iii) Be accompanied by such fee as is prescribed by the Director.
2. The Director may:
 - (a) Without being required to give any reasons refuse permission to train in partnership; or
 - (b) Grant permission subject to such terms and conditions as the Director thinks fit, including but not limited to restrictions regarding duration and locality or both.
3. The Director may at their discretion, at any time:
 - (a) Revoke permission to train in partnership, including without limitation where any of the applicants cease to meet the requirements to be granted permission in accordance with the Policy, or where any of the training partners have been suspended or disqualified; or
 - (b) Vary or amend any of the terms or conditions of any permission to train in partnership.
4. It is a precondition of the grant of permission to train in partnership that:
 - (a) Applicants do not hold a licence or permit to train in another racing jurisdiction, other than a licence or permit to train in partnership with each other;
 - (b) The Stewards are satisfied as to the bona fides of the training partnership;
 - (c) A minimum of eight (8) horses shall be trained in the partnership.
5. The Director may, at their absolute discretion relieve applicants for permission to train in partnership from the preconditions set out in this policy.

6. Where there has been a breach of the Rules by any of the trainers training in partnership, then all trainers shall be deemed jointly and severally responsible and may be charged and penalised accordingly.
7. Where a penalty has been imposed by another Controlling Body upon any of the trainers in a training partnership, then all trainers shall be deemed jointly and severally responsible for the purposes of adoption or recognition of that penalty in accordance with these Rules.
8. Clauses 6 and 7 do not apply where the relevant breach or penalty imposed:
 - (a) Does not relate in any way to the training of racehorses; or
 - (b) Involves conduct of a kind that may be subject to a penalty under AHRR 231

Applications must be made on the approved Office of Racing Integrity form.
Applicants may be required to attend an interview with the Director of Racing.

Definition of Immediate Family

- (a) A spouse, de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling; or
- (b) A child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling of a spouse or de facto partner.