

Summary of Regulation Changes effective 1/1/27

Section III

- (1) Amended to include applications for Open Show panel can be made at any time during the year.
- (7) Word “online” included for Open book exams.
- (8) Practicing Certificate suspended pending full review.

Section IV

- Removal of the requirement to be actively involved in a club committee from all panel promotion requirements.
- Removal of the requirement to complete two stewarding appointments for each level. Replaced with 10 stewarding appointments prior to application for first group and Specialist panel.
- Removal of the requirement for 50 credit points from all levels.
- Removal of critiquing as a mandatory item as this has been replaced by the Intensive Critiquing activity.
- The addition of 3 optional activities (replacing the previous credit points) in all levels except Ribbon Parade which is Mandatory items only.
- First Group panel. Number of dogs remains at 200 but clarification that at least two Open Shows and a further two Ribbon Parades are included in the 200 dogs.
- Specialist panel minimum requirement moved in line with First Group panel requirements i.e. be on the Open Show panel, judged additional 2 Ribbon Parades and 2 Open Shows plus 200 dogs. Complete 10 stewarding appointments but 3 verbal and written Intensive critiques.
- Clarification that the second and third group applications the number of dogs can be an any level.

Section V

- All reference to credits removed.
- Re-sit criteria clarified.
Theory Exam re-sit – Mandatory and optional activities plus branch meetings.
Practical Exam re-sit - Mandatory and optional activities, branch meetings and a further 10 Intensive Critiques.
Option included for board to offer a re-sit in the same calendar year.
- Intensive Critiquing completion time extended to maximum of 24 months.
- Clarification that all activities used to satisfy the requirements of an application can not be counted towards subsequent applications.

Section VI

8(a) Clarification that appears are only applicable if, for any reason in the future, the theory exam is paper based. Online exams give an immediate result and the mark is automatically calculated.

Section X

- Removal of reference to Credits
- Removal of reference to Validator (note Validator was removed from the regulations some time ago)
- Amendment to the definition of Observer to include first group and specialist candidates.

Appendix I

- Removal of the statement that all mandatory components are required to be delivered by all branches to refer to the Branch Manual. Some of the mandatory items are no longer delivered by branches by on the Online Portal JOLTED.
 - Addition of the requirement for Critiquing to be a subject that candidates need to study.
1. Clarification that candidates will answer exam questions on the Anatomy of the Dog.
 2. Clarification that candidates will answer exam questions on the Glossary of Terms.
 3. Addition of Disputes Regulations to Rules and Regulations.

Appendix II

- Addition of optional activities to the promotional requirements.
- Removal of Verbal and Written Critiques as a mandatory activity – This has been replaced with Intensive Critiquing.
- Expansion of description of Breed Knowledge activity.

Details of optional activities:

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Candidates must complete at least three of the following optional activities.

1. Attendance at an official judges training seminar
2. Serving as an Executive of a functioning branch
3. Serving as an NZDJA Board member
4. Attendance at NZDJA Annual General Meeting
5. Hosting a kennel visit
6. Act as Show Manager for a Championship or Open show

7. Act as a Steward for a Championship or Open show

8. Judge a Ribbon Parade

9. Judge an Open Show

- Clarification for responsibility of Branches.
- Removal of Credit activities.
- Removal of credit reference number definitions.
- Addition of Optional Activity definitions.
- Addition of definition of Entire Appointment to the Notes.