

Judges Competency Framework Guide to being a Dog Show Judge detailed guide

Level	Can judge what at this level?	Education required at this level to progress to the next level (all points must be achieved)	Other requirements that must be met (all points must be achieved) before progressing to the next level	Next steps
Entry	Cannot judge any dogs, or classes at this level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend a Kennel Club Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and pass the exam. Pass the Kennel Club Points of the Dog assessment Attend a Kennel Club Conformation and Movement seminar Complete an online Kennel Club critique writing seminar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register with the Kennel Club Academy with a declaration of intent to judge a specific breed A proven interest of a minimum of 5 years in one or more aspects of the breeding and exhibiting of pedigree dogs (including show administration/stewarding) Undertaken 6 days of stewarding appointments 	You can now apply to become a JCF Level 1 judge and start judging
Level 1	Upon achieving this level you can accept appointments to judge up to 3(4) & 5(6) classes of any breed at KC licensed Open/Limited Shows. (numbers in brackets only apply if one of the classes is a puppy class)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an official Breed Appreciation Day for the breed you wish to judge Pass the Multiple-choice Breed Standard Exam for that breed Ensure that you have completed/attended a Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and passed the exam within the past 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the Kennel Club Academy with evidence of achievement to apply to the KC for the status of JCF Level 2 Judge in that specific breed 	You can now either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for JCF Level 2 status and progress with judging OR <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continue as a JCF Level 1 judge – judging only 3 classes of any breed at Open/Limited Shows (5 for Stud Band E breeds) AND refresh Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar every 5 years AND update Kennel Club Academy of refresher and any other judging education
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited number of classes in that breed at an Open/Limited show and a Championship Show without CCs AND No more than 3 classes of any other breed (5 for a Stud Band E breed) at an Open Show AND Unlimited classes (including AV) at Limited shows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To attain Level 3 Judge (Awaiting Final Assessment) - Breed Specific you must: Pass a KC 'Eye for a Dog' assessment. (This only needs to be done once) Undertake three mentoring sessions within that breed Ensure that you have completed/attended a Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and passed the exam within the past 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have one successful approved observation of judging at a breed club, supported entry or non-CC championship show the forms to be submitted to the KC Attend the appropriate sub-group FT/Open Gundog Working Test event for gundog breeds/GSD online exam (if appropriate) Update the Kennel Club Academy with evidence of achievement and apply to the KC for the status of a JCF Level 3 Judge (Awaiting Final Assessment) for that specific breed Lastly have bred and/or owned a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their first entry in the KC Stud Book – save for exceptional circumstances (This is a one-time qualification) 	You can now either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake further experience in the breed and apply for JCF Level 3 Judge (Awaiting Final Assessment) when ready OR <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continue as a JCF Level 2 Judge, able to judge in that specific breed, AND as a JCF Level 1 Judge AND refresh Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar every 5 years AND update Kennel Club Academy of refresher and any other judging education
Level 3	Now that you have attained JCF Level 3 Judge (Awaiting Final Assessment) in a specific breed you can continue to judge the following whilst waiting to be assessed: Unlimited number of classes in that breed at an Open/Limited show and a Championship Show without CCs AND No more than 3 classes of any other breed (5 for Stud Band E breeds) as a Level 1 Judge at an Open Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend and pass a Kennel Club Breed Competence Assessment (hands on) If you Fail the assessment, you must gain further experience in the breed and re-apply (minimum of 6 months between applications) Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and exam is refreshed every 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the Kennel Club Academy with evidence of achievement and apply for status as a JCF Level 4 judge 	You can now either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remain a JCF Level 3 single breed judge in that specific breed, and ensure Requirements of a Dog Show Judge is refreshed every 5 years OR <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For subsequent breed follow the process above working through Level 2 onwards for each and every subsequent breed and ensuring Requirements of a Dog Show Judge is refreshed every 5 years
Level 4 (CC)	Award CCs in that specific breed Same as a JCF Level 1 Judge you can also judge no more than 3 classes (5 for Band E breed) of any breed at any show AND As a JCF Level 2/Level 3 Judge for a specific breed you can also judge unlimited number of classes of that breed at an Open Show or a Championship Show without CCs AND As a JCF Level 4 Judge can judge AV classes, Group and Best in Show at Open Shows and any classes at Limited shows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and exam is refreshed every 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you wish to proceed to the next level you will need to undertake the process from JCF Level 2 for each subsequent breed to achieve the threshold requirements to proceed Update the Kennel Club Academy with evidence of achievement and apply for status as a JCF Level 5 judge 	You can now either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continue as a JCF Level 4 Judge in the breeds approved AND ensure Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and exam in the last 5 years and Kennel Club Academy records are kept up to date OR <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Progress to a Group Judge by achieving JCF Level 4 status (and awarded CCs) in 30% of the breeds in the group by following JCF Levels 2-4 for each and every subsequent breed.
Level 5 (Group)	You can judge: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That specific Group at Championship Shows Award CCs to all breeds you are approved for at JCF Level 4 Unlimited number of classes of any breed in that Group at any Open Show or Championship Show without CCs (without being registered as a JCF Level 2/3 Judge for those breeds). Unlimited number of classes of any breed at any Open Show or Championship Show without CCs in other Groups where JCF Level 2/3 Judge has been attained No more than 3/4 classes (5/6 at Stud Band E breeds) of any breed at any show as a Level 1 Judge AND <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Judge AV classes, all Groups and Best in Show at Open Shows, and any classes at Limited shows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and exam is refreshed every 5 years If wishing to proceed to the next level you will need to undertake the process from JCF Level 2 for each subsequent breed to achieve the threshold requirements to proceed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the Kennel Club Academy with evidence of achievement and apply for status as a JCF Level 6 judge 	You can now either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continue as a JCF Level 5 Judge in the Group approved AND ensure Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and exam in the last 5 years and Kennel Club Academy records are kept up to date OR <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Progress to a JCF Level 6 BIS Judge by achieving JCF Level 5 Group Judge status in three Groups (and have judged those groups), and completed the Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and exam within the last 5 years and Kennel Club Academy records are updated
Level 6 (BIS)	Can judge Best in Show at Championship Shows, in addition to the judging permissions in JCF Level 2/3, Level 4 and Level 5 for other breeds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and exam is refreshed every 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the Kennel Club Academy with evidence of achievement and apply for status as a JCF Level 7 judge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to progress to a JCF Level 7 (All Breeds) Judge you must be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approved and have officiated as a JCF Level 5 Judge in six of the Groups and as a JCF Level 6 judge and: Approved as a JCF Level 4 judge and awarded CCs in a significant number of breeds. You should also have completed Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and exam within the last 5 years.
Level 7 (All Breed)	Can award CCs in any breed, judge any Group and Judge Best in Show at any level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar and exam is refreshed every 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision on who to grant JCF Level 7 status to is discretionary to the Judges Committee (and subject to Board approval). The Judges Committee will take account of any history of complaints, and their personal knowledge of the reputation of the judge in question. 	