

FAQs for proposed new and enhanced registration requirements for participants

Why are these new and amended rules needed?

Animal welfare and integrity are the overriding priorities for both GRV and the greyhound racing industry in Victoria and these changes will assist in driving stronger compliance outcomes and in meeting community expectations.

What is the new rule covering tracking of greyhounds? Who does it affect?

GRV recognises the importance of tracking a greyhound throughout its entire lifecycle. Being aware of the location of a greyhound and the activity it is performing at any given time will help GRV to ensure the welfare of greyhounds and to strengthen the governance and integrity of the greyhound racing industry in Victoria.

With this in mind, GRV has introduced new requirements for owners or persons responsible for greyhounds to notify GRV of the location of greyhounds and of the activity the greyhound is performing throughout the life of the greyhound. Under these new requirements, greyhounds may only be kept at premises that are registered with GRV and that are appropriate for the activity being performed by the greyhound.

GRV is working to create a systems solution to minimise the impact for participants needing to comply with this new obligation. As a result, it is expected that these changes will not be introduced until early 2018.

What is the new rule covering the registration of a Greyhound Training Property?

The new rule will affect anyone with a property used to breed, whelp, rear, educate or train greyhounds.

Registered participants with a Greyhound Training Property can apply for registration of their property at the same time they apply or renew their registration in the relevant category.

Participants will be able to apply for multiple categories of property registration on the one application.

These changes will help to ensure greyhound welfare and strengthen governance and integrity of the industry in Victoria.

All properties and registration categories will be able to undertake spelling activities.

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What is the new Fit and Proper Person registration requirement?

It is anticipated that the new Fit and Proper Person registration requirement will come into effect **1 July 2017**.

New applicants will need to meet fit and proper person requirements from 1 July with existing applicants needing to meet requirements **from 1 December 2017 onwards** at the expiry of their current registration.

All participants will need to notify GRV if they have been found guilty of an offence or have been the subject of compliance or enforcement related activity by another racing body at any time during their period of registration (unless previously disclosed)..

The GRV board will assess whether an applicant is a fit and proper person, after considering a number of criteria including criminal history and any offences involving animal cruelty. As part of assessing an application for registration, GRV will also have to satisfy itself that an applicant is a fit and proper person for registration having regard to matters such as honesty, integrity, and character.

All registrations will also have a standard condition imposed that they must meet education requirements as set by the Board. Participants will be provided with ample time to meet any new education requirements and may continue to participate as normal during this period.

What is the new identification check requirement?

Applicants seeking registration will have to provide 100 points of ID, so GRV can verify their identity. This may include the need to provide details of an applicant's passport, driver's licence, Medicare card or other relevant documents which prove identification.

Who does the enhancement of registration categories affect?

This affects owners, breeders, owner-trainers, whelpers, rearers, educators and public trainers, studmasters, attendants and catchers.

Existing applicants will be given time to meet any new eligibility requirements for registration and must also meet fit and proper person requirements. Participants will be able to continue to participate as normal during this period.

Participants seeking registration will be able to apply for all relevant categories on one application and will not need to make a separate application for each category of registration.

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Will the new and changed requirements have financial implications for participants?

GRV expects any financial impost to be minimal and will work to develop systems solutions that drive practical and effective compliance with the new rules.

Where can I find more information and how do I make a submission?

The proposed new rules and amendments and details on how to make a submission can be found at: <http://greyhoundcare.grv.org.au/rules-of-racing/>

If you require additional information, please call GRV's Member Services Team for assistance on 03 8329 1100 or via email at info@grv.org.au

When do submissions open and close?

Submissions open 15 May 2017 and close 29 May 2017.

When will these changes come into effect?

1 July 2017 for the new fit and proper person requirement and on a rolling basis for other new and enhanced rules.

