

GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA

Attending and Training Greyhounds

Booklet 6 – Completing the Assessment



Greyhound Racing Victoria
Attendant and Trainer Education Pack

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This is the sixth in a series of booklets that support you in attending and training racing greyhounds.

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Booklet 2: Greyhound Basics

Booklet 3: At the Race Track - Kennelling, Preparing for Racing, Boxing and Catching

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The assessment process

Now you have learned about the greyhound racing industry, we hope that your interest has been sparked and that your involvement in the sport of greyhound racing will continue to develop into a life-long passion.

6.1 Competency unit assessment

Formal completion of this Level 1 Competency Unit is required before you are allowed to register as an 'Attendant'. If this is your plan, you will need to fill out an 'Application to become an Attendant' form and submit it to GRV, along with your completion of the assessment questions for this competency level. The minimum age is 14. If you are under 18 you will also require a Guardian Approval for Minor Consent.

You will also need to arrange for a practical assessment.

If you have any questions regarding registration or completion of this Level 1 Competency Unit, please call our Racing Services and Registrations Department on (03) 8329 1100

6.2 Practical assessment

It is very important that both attendants and trainers are competent when it comes to handling a greyhound at a race meeting. The short time frames for preparing a greyhound for a race, loading

it into the starting boxes, and even presenting it for kennelling mean that everyone must be experienced with the relevant equipment, and can handle a greyhound safely.

You will have to demonstrate that you can:

- properly fit a collar and lead to a greyhound;
- walk a greyhound safely in the presence of other greyhounds;
- properly fit a racing muzzle;
- demonstrate that you can fit and remove a race rug;
- load a greyhound properly into the starting boxes; and
- catch a greyhound.

Practical assessments will be supervised by the Stewards at a time nominated by them. You will need to contact the Racing Services and Registrations Department to make a suitable time for a practical test.

Prior to the test, it is strongly recommended that you get as much experience as possible, handling greyhounds of varying temperaments. Being used to walking excitable greyhounds or loading difficult dogs into the starting boxes will make you more confident and give you an increased range of skills when faced with a difficult situation.

6.3 Multiple choice test

You are also required to take an online assessment with automatic questions generated. These questions are aligned to the Competency Units (Booklets 1-6) you will have read.

6.4 Becoming a trainer

People planning to train greyhounds to race must not only complete the Level 1 Competency Unit but must also complete the Level 2 Competency Unit (Booklets 7 – 10) to become an ‘Owner Trainer’ (someone who trains only greyhounds they own or part-own), or Levels 2 AND 3 Competency Units (Booklets 11 – 13) to become a ‘Public Trainer’ (someone who trains other people’s greyhounds). There are assessment requirements for each level, and you will need to submit your answers along with your registration paperwork.

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