

Judges Competency Framework Levels and judge eligibility

	Requirements to meet this Level	Eligibility to judge
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 5 years proven interest in pedigree dogs • Attend a Requirements of a Dog Show Judge seminar (but not mandatory to take and pass examination) • Attend a Conformation and Movement seminar • Complete a minimum of 2 full day stewarding appointments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 3 classes (4 if one is a Puppy class) or 5 (6 if one is a Puppy class) for Stud Book Band E breeds for any breed at Limited or Open Shows
Level 2	<p><u>First breed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take and pass Requirements of a Dog Show Judge examination • Pass Points of a Dog assessment • Attend a Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) and pass a Multiple Choice Examination (MCE) for the respective breed • View ring stewarding seminar and take online quiz • Complete critique writing seminar and take online quiz <p><u>Subsequent breeds:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a Breed Appreciation Day (BAD) and pass a Multiple Choice Examination (MCE) for each breed. <i>Note: Not mandatory for Group Judge for breeds in the group that they are not approved at Level 4, but attendance strongly recommended.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at Limited, Open or Championship Shows (no CCs) • Any Variety classes, Groups and Best in Show at Limited Shows
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergo minimum of 3 mentoring sessions with a minimum of 12 months between first and third session • Be observed judging a breed club show, breed supported entry show or championship show without CCs • Have achieved the relevant hands-on experience in line with the stated requirements for the relevant Stud Book Band • Complete remaining 10 full day stewarding appointments (one-time qualification) • Have owned/bred a minimum of 3 dogs when they obtained their first entry in the Kennel Club Stud Book – save for exceptional circumstances (one-time qualification) • Attended the appropriate sub-group Field Trial/Open Gundog Working Test for first gundog breed or Ring Procedure at Licensed Shows (German Shepherd Dog Education Programme) online exam (one-time qualification) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlimited number of classes for the respective breed at Limited, Open or Championship Shows (no CCs) • Any Variety classes Groups and Best in Show at Limited Shows
Level 4 CC Judge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend and passed a Breed Specific Assessment for the specific breed run by the Kennel Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award Challenge Certificates in the respective breed • Any Variety classes, Groups and Best in Show at Open and Limited Shows