

AQHA International Only Judges Applicant Fact Sheet

The following criteria must be met before becoming an AQHA-approved judge:

1. Have individual, current-year AQHA membership, in good standing
2. Be at least 25 years of age.
3. Submit application by designated deadline.
4. Must complete the required testing.
 - a. Rule Book Test (80% minimum score required).
 - b. Required to judge approximately 6-10 video classes (70% minimum score required).
 - c. Will be interviewed by Judges Committee Members, and evaluated for expertise in various classes as well as particular judging situations.
 - d. Only top scoring applicants will be approved.
5. Receive approval from AQHA Judges Committee.
6. Receive approval from AQHA Executive Committee.
7. Required to complete recertification and/or a rulebook test each year via online testing.
8. The Judges Committee will review International Testing Scores during their June Conference Call.
9. An individual may not re-apply for a period of five years for AQHA judges credentials after being denied 3 times for any of the following:
 - a. Denial of permission to attend a qualifying examination by the Judges Committee;
 - b. Failure to pass the qualifying examination; or
 - c. Failure to obtain approval from the Judges Committee or AQHA Executive Committee, for any reason.

****\$150 non-refundable application fee must be submitted with application****

1. SHW909. INTERNATIONAL AQHA-APPROVED JUDGES residing in an international country may make four trips or judge four shows in any one country in a calendar year, excluding Canada.
2. For purposes of determining appropriate classes for International Judge's certification, recertification, and related testing, the slate of classes for these purposes will be determined by the classes that had been offered within the past 5 years by any country within the respective AQHA membership region. More specifically, if any country in an AQHA Membership Region has offered a particular class in the preceding 5 years, then that class would be considered within the scope of potential testing for any applicant or Judge within that AQHA Membership Region, regardless of whether the class has been offered in an applicant's country of origin. Correspondingly, the certification earned would qualify a judge to serve as an AQHA Judge for AQHA shows in any country within that particular AQHA Membership Region.