
How To Become an Adjudicator

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What is a Probationary Judge?



Must be at least 18 years old



Must hold a current Academy judges qualification i.e. diploma



Can judge at all competitions except for the NZ National Championships







Can judge all events except for NZ or North Island & South Island championship events





How to become a Probationary Judge

-  Must be at least 18 years old and hold a current Academy judging qualification i.e. have been awarded an Academy Diploma
-  PDANZ registration form: Tick BOTH Dancing Judge and the Probationary boxes
-  Submit this registration form AT LEAST 2 weeks before the 1st of July each year
-  You will be able to accept judging appointments from the 1st of January the following year

How to get Judging Appointments

-  Get involved in your local PDANZ Centres or Teachers & Judges Associations
-  Best way to get appointments is to attend meetings and get to know the people organising local comps
-  Email societies/ centres introducing yourself as a new judge if you are unable to attend meetings in person
-  Contact details for centres can be found on the PDANZ website: piping-dancing.org.nz/contact-us

What to bring to Judging Appointments:

-  Application form for promotion: get signed off at each competition by society
-  PDANZ Judging Bylaws: print abridged version and bring to each competition
-  NZAHND Resources: print copies of Adjudicator & Teacher Guide and the Adjudicator's Handbook
-  Expected Dress: **Formal**. The judging position is highly respected so dress to impress!





Top tips for new judges

-  **REMEMBER to take your probationary form and get it signed off**
-  **Submit PDANZ registration form AT LEAST 2 weeks before the 1st of July each year**
-  **At least 3 of the 6 judging appointments need to have events with written reports . Do not be afraid to ask for reports!**
-  **Do not be afraid to reach out to your local centres for judging appointments. Their contacts can be found on the PDANZ website**

How to _____ become a General Judge

- ☒ Must be at least 21 years old
- ☒ Complete at least 6 judging appointments including 3 competitions with written reports
- ☒ Complete the form: Application Form for promotion for the Prob. Judge from General List
- ☒ Once the form is completed submit through your local PDANZ centre

Upskilling as a Judge

-  Required to complete at least one upskilling session every 3 years
-  Examples: attending conference, dance development courses, attending summer schools and the 18 & Over assessment
-  Criteria for upskilling found at: [piping-dancing.org.nz/Dancing/Judges/PDANZ Upskilling criteria](https://piping-dancing.org.nz/Dancing/Judges/PDANZUpskillingcriteria)
-  Academy secretary keeps records of upskilling