

Aspiring Judges Program

All lectures held by Zoom. All Aspirants must, participate and be able to be viewed by the Presenter to be accredited with attendance.

10 August 2026	Applications Open	
21 August 2026	Applications Close	
9 September 2026	Introduction & Responsibilities of a Judge	General introduction, Ethics, Responsibilities of a judge, DOGS AUST Guidelines for judges
16 September 2026	Rules & Regulations	
23 September 2026	Structure – part 1	Construction – Purpose form and function
30 September 2026	Structure – part 2	Gait & Movement, Mouths, Health & Wellbeing
7 October 2026	Breed Standards	Interpreting Standards
14 October 2026	First Group	Glossary of Terms and Critiquing
21 October 2026	Ringcraft	How to exam a dog, Ring presentation
28 October 2026	Aspirants Theory Exam	

No lectures held during Sydney Royal

2 April to 13 April 2026

19 March to 30 March 2027

GROUP 1 TOYS

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TOY GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 - MONDAYS

2026	19 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Open
	23 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Close
	16 February	Lowchen
	2 March	Coton De Tulear & Bichon Frise
	16 March	Havanese
	13 April	Bolognese & Maltese
	28 April	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

TOY GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 - MONDAYS

2026	6 May	Applications to enrol Sub group 2 Open
	11 May	Applications to enrol Sub group 2 Close
	18 May	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
	1 June	Chinese Crested
	15 June	Italian Greyhound
	29 June	Chihuahua Long & Smooth
	13 July	Papillon
	27 July	Pomeranian
	10 August	King Charles Spaniel
	18 August	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	19 August	Practical Examination applications open
	24 August	Practical Examination applications close
	5 & 6 September	<i>Practical Examinations</i>

TOY GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 - MONDAYS

2026	4 September	Applications to enrol Sub group 3 Open
	9 September	Applications to enrol Sub group 3 Close
	14 September	Australian Silky Terrier
	28 September	English Toy Terrier
	12 October	Miniature Pinscher
	26 October	Yorkshire Terrier & Biewer Terrier
	9 November	Prague Ratter/Russian Toy Terrier long/Sm
	15 December	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examination</i>

TOY GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 – MONDAYS

2027	22 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 Open
	3 February	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 Close
	8 February	Griffon Bruxellois
	22 February	Japanese Chin
	8 March	Pug
	5 April	Pekingese
	19 April	Tibetan Spaniel
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
2027	June to August	Field Event
		Field Event
		Field Event
		Field Event
		Field Event
		Field Event
	2 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Open
	13 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Close
	4 & 5 September	Practical Examinations

GROUP 2 TERRIERS

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TERRIER GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 – TUESDAYS

2026	19 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Open
	23 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Close
	27 January	Fox Terrier
	10 February	Tenterfield Terrier
	24 February	German Hunting Terriers & Glen of Imaal Terriers
	10 March	Lakeland & Welsh Terriers
	24 March	Irish Terrier
	21 April	Border Terrier
	28 April	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

TERRIER GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 – TUESDAYS

2026	6 May	Applications to enrol Sub group 2 Open
	11 May	Applications to enrol Sub group 2 Close
	19 May	Jack Russell Terrier & Parson Russell Terrier
	2 June	Airedale Terrier
	16 June	Kerry Blue Terrier
	30 June	Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
	14 July	Skye Terrier
	28 July	Subgroup Field Event
	18 August	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	19 August	Practical Examination applications open
	24 August	Practical Examination applications close
	5 & 6 September	<i>Practical Examinations</i>

TERRIER GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 – TUESDAYS

2026	4 September	Applications to enrol Sub group 3 Open
	9 September	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 Close
	22 September	American Staffordshire Terrier
	6 October	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
	20 October	Bull Terrier & Miniature Bull Terrier
	3 November	Dandie Dinmont & Bedlington Terrier
	17 November	Cesky Terrier & American-Hairless
	1 December	Manchester Terrier
	15 December	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examination</i>

TERRIER GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 – TUESDAYS

2027	22 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 open
	3 February	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 Close
	16 February	Australian Terrier & Sealyham Terrier
	1 March	Cairn Terrier
	16 March	Scottish Terrier
	13 April	West Highland Terrier
	27 April	Norfolk & Norwich Terriers
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
2027	June to August	<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
	2 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Open
	13 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Close
	4 & 5 September	Practical Examinations

GROUP 3 GUNDOGS

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GUNDOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 – TUESDAYS

2026	19 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Open
	23 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Close
	3 February	Cocker Spaniel
	17 February	Cocker Spaniel American
	3 March	English Springer Spaniel & Field Spaniel
	17 March	Welsh Springer Spaniel & Sussex Spaniel
	14 April	Clumber Spaniel & Irish Water Spaniel
	28 April	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

GUNDOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 – TUESDAYS

2026	6 May	Application to enrol Sub group 2 Open
	11 May	Application to enrol Sub group 2 Close
	26 May	English Setter, Irish Setter, Irish Red and White Setter
	9 June	Gordon Setter
	23 June	Brittany
	7 July	Lagotto Romagnolo & Spanish Water Dog
	21 July	Pointer & Bracco Italiano
	18 August	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	19 August	Practical Examination applications open
	24 August	Practical Examination applications close
	5 & 6 September	Practical Examinations

GUNDOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 – TUESDAYS

2027	4 September	Applications to enrol Sub group 3 Open
	9 September	Applications to enrol Sub group 3 Close
	15 September	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever & Murray River Retriever
	29 September	Curly Coated Retriever
	13 October	Chesapeake Bay Retriever
	27 October	Labrador Retriever
	10 November	Golden Retriever
	24 November	Flat Coated Retriever
	15 December	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examination</i>

GUNDOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 – TUESDAYS

2027	22 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 Open
	3 February	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 Close
	9 February	Weimaraner & Weimaraner Long Coat
	23 February	Wirehaired Slovakian Pointer & Large Munsterlander
	9 March	Hungarian Vizsla & Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla
	6 April	German Shorthaired Pointer & German Wirehaired Pointer
	20 April	Italian Spinone
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
2027	June to August	<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
	2 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Open
	13 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Close
	4 & 5 September	Practical Examinations

GROUP 4 HOUNDS

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HOUND GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 – WEDNESDAYS

2026	19 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Open
	23 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Close
	4 February	Afghan Hound
	18 February	Saluki
	4 March	Whippet & Greyhound
	18 March	Borzoi
	15 April	Azawakh & Sloughi
	22 April	Review Night / Mock Exam
	28 April	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

HOUND GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 – WEDNESDAYS

2026	6 May	Applications to enrol Sub group 2 Open
	11 May	Applications to enrol Sub group 2 Close
	20 May	Irish Wolfhound/ Scottish Deerhound
	3 June	Pharaoh Hound & Cirneco Dell Etna
	17 June	Ibizan Hound
	1 July	Portuguese Podengo (all sizes)
	15 July	Rhodesian Ridgebacks
	22 July	Revision
	5 August	Review Night / Mock Exam
	18 August	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	19 August	Practical Examination applications open
	24 August	Practical Examination applications close
	5 & 6 September	Practical Examinations

HOUND GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 – WEDNESDAYS

2026	4 September	Applications to enrol Sub group 3 Open
	9 September	Applications to enrol Sub group 3 Close
	16 September	Basenji
	30 September	Dachshunds (all varieties) including Rabbit size
	14 October	Norwegian Elkhound & Finnish Spitz
	28 October	Bloodhound & Otterhound
	11 November	Black and Tan Coonhound & Bluetick Coonhound
	25 November	Porcelaine & Revision Night
	9 December	Review Night / Mock Exam
	15 December	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examination</i>

HOUND GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 – WEDNESDAYS

2027	22 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 Open
	3 February	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 Close
	10 February	Basset Hound
	24 February	Beagle & Foxhound
	10 March	Hamiltonstovare & Harrier
	7 April	PBGV & GBGV & Basset Fauve de Bretagne
	21 April	Bavarian Mountain Scenthound
	5 May	Revision
	11 May	Review Night / Mock Exam
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
2027	June to August	<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
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	13 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Close
	4 & 5 September	Practical Examinations

GROUP 5 WORKING DOGS

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WORKING DOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 - MONDAYS

2026	19 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Open
	23 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Close
	2 February	Overview of Course Requirements & Introduction to Working Dog Group – SG1
	9 February	Australian Kelpie
	23 February	Border Collie
	9 March	Australian Cattle Dog
	23 March	Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog
	30 March	Australian Shepherd
	20 April	Miniature American Shepherd
	28 April	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

WORKING DOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 - MONDAYS

2026	6 May	Applications to enrol Sub group 2 Open
	11 May	Applications to enrol Sub group 2 Close
	25 May	Welsh Corgi Pembroke & Norwegian Buhund
	15 June	Welsh Corgi Cardigan & Icelandic Sheepdog
	22 June	Swedish Vallhund
	6 July	Puli & Pumi
	20 July	Kuvasz and Maremma Sheepdog
	3 August	Finnish Lapphund & Swedish Lapphund
	18 August	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	19 August	Practical Examination applications open
	24 August	Practical Examination applications close
	5 & 6 September	Practical Examinations

WORKING DOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 – MONDAYS

2026	4 September	Applications to enrol Sub group 3 Open
	9 September	Applications to enrol Sub group 3 Close
	14 September	Introduction to Sub group 3
	21 September	Belgian Shepherd (all varieties)
	12 October	German Shepherd Dog (SC & LSC)
	19 October	White Swiss Shepherd Dog
	2 November	Beauceron & Dutch Shepherd
	16 November	Bergamasco Shepherd Dog & Mudi
	30 November	Tatra Shepherd Dog & Komondor
	15 December	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examinations</i>

WORKING DOG GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 - MONDAYS

2027	22 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 Open
	3 February	Applications to enrol Sub group 4 Close
	15 February	Shetland Sheepdog
	1 March	Collie Rough & Pyrenean Sheepdog Longhaired
	15 March	Collie Smooth & Polish Lowland Sheepdog
	12 April	Old English Sheepdog
	26 April	Bearded Collie
	10 May	Briard & Bouvier Des Flandres
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
2027	June to August	<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
	2 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Open
	13 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Close
	4 & 5 September	Practical Examinations

GROUP 6 UTILITY

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UTILITY GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 - THURSDAYS

2026	19 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Open
	23 January	Applications to enrol Sub group 1 Close
	29 January	Siberian Husky
	12 February	Shikoku & Shiba Inu
	26 February	Canadian Eskimo Dog & Yakutian Laika
	12 March	Samoyed
	26 March	Akita / Japanese Akita
	23 April	Alaskan Malamute
	28 April	<i>Subgroup 1 Theory Examination</i>

UTILITY GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 - THURSDAYS

2026	6 May	Applications for Sub group 2 Open
	11 May	Applications for Sub group 2 Close
	21 May	Mastiff & Cane Corso
	4 June	Estrela Mountain Dog & Caucasian Shepherd Dog
	18 June	Bullmastiff
	2 July	Dogue de Bordeaux
	16 July	Neapolitan Mastiff & Spanish Mastiff
	30 July	Anatolian Shepherd Dog & Kangal Shepherd Dog
	13 August	Yugoslavian Shepherd Dog & Central Asian Shepherd Dog
	18 August	<i>Subgroup 2 Theory Examination</i>
	19 August	Practical Examination applications open
	24 August	Practical Examination applications close
	5 & 6 September	Practical Examinations

UTILITY GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 - THURSDAYS

2026	4 September	Applications for Sub group 3 Open
	9 September	Applications for Sub group 3 Close
	24 September	Boxer
	8 October	Dobermann
	22 October	Rottweiler
	5 November	Russian Black Terrier & German Pinscher
	19 November	Portuguese Water Dog
	3 December	Schnauzer/ Schnauzer Giant/Schnauzer Miniature
	15 December	<i>Subgroup 3 Theory Examination</i>

UTILITY GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 - THURSDAYS

2026	22 January	Applications for Sub group 4 Open
	3 February	Applications for Sub group 4 Close
	11 February	Bernese Mountain Dog
	25 February	Pyrenean Mountain Dog & Tibetan Mastiff
	11 March	Leonberger
	8 April	Pyrenean Mastiff & Greater Swiss Mountain Dog
	22 April	Newfoundland
	6 May	Landseer ECT & Tornjak
	20 May	St Bernard
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
2027	June to August	<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
	2 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Open
	13 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Close
	4 & 5 September	Practical Examinations

GROUP 7 NON-SPORTING

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NON-SPORTING GROUP - SUBGROUP 1 – THURSDAY

2026	19 January	Applications for Sub group 1 Open
	23 January	Applications for Sub group1 Close
	5 February	Dalmatian
	19 February	Great Dane
	5 March	Peruvian Hairless (all varieties)
	19 March	Xoloitzcuintle (all varieties)
	16 April	Canaan & Eurasier
	28 April	Subgroup 1 Theory Examination

NON-SPORTING GROUP - SUBGROUP 2 – THURSDAY

2026	6 May	Applications for Sub group 2 Open
	11 May	Applications for Sub group 2 Close
	28 May	Boston Terrier
	11 June	British Bulldog
	25 June	French Bulldog
	9 July	Sharpei
	23 July	Australasian Bosdog
	18 August	Subgroup 2 Theory Examination
	19 August	Practical Examination applications open
	24 August	Practical Examination applications close
	5 & 6 September	Practical Examinations

NON-SPORTING GROUP - SUBGROUP 3 – THURSDAY

2026	4 September	Applications Sub group 3 Open
	9 September	Applications Sub group 3 Close
	17 September	Schipperke
	1 October	Chow Chow
	15 October	Karelian Bear Dog
	29 October	German Spitz (Klein & Mittel)
	12 November	Japanese Spitz
	26 November	Keeshond
	15 December	Subgroup 3 Theory Examination

NON-SPORTING GROUP - SUBGROUP 4 – THURSDAY

2027	22 January	Applications for Sub group 4 Open
	3 February	<i>Applications for Sub group 4 Close</i>
	18 February	Lhasa Apso
	4 March	Poodle (all varieties)
	18 March	Tibetan Terrier
	1 April	Shih Tzu
	8 June	<i>Subgroup 4 Theory Examination</i>
2027	June to August	<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
		<i>Field Event</i>
	2 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Open
	13 August	Applications for Practical Examinations Close
	4 & 5 September	Practical Examinations