

Judges Education Programme (JEP)

LEVEL 4 BREED SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT (BSA) RELAXATION

July 2026



What is the L4 BSA relaxation procedure?

The implementation of a JEP Review Report recommendation

QUALIFYING CONDITIONS:

- A judge who **fully satisfies** on Find A Judge the L3 JEP requirements for a breed may now use an historic A3 Hands-on Assessment OR Judges Development Programme (JDP) Credit in lieu of a Breed Specific Assessment (BSA) to progress to L4 (CC) status
- The A3 Hands-on Assessment must:
 - have been completed no later than 31 December 2025
 - have been undertaken in accordance with the [Code of Best Practice for the Running of a Breed Seminar and Judging Competence Assessment](#)
 - have been successfully passed and evidenced with a certificate or equivalent
 - be utilised under this procedure no later than 31 December 2029



How do I apply to use this procedure?

Follow these simple steps

1. Ensure you meet the qualifying conditions
2. Email a copy of your A3 Hands-on Assessment pass certificate or confirmation of your JDP credit to judges.education@royalkennelclub.com
3. In the “Subject” line to your email state the following information:

L4 BSA RELAXATION - YOUR NAME -
YOUR JUDGE ID - BREED



How long will it take to process my application?

Processing of applications will be completed in batches

- Applications will be subject to review by the RKC Office and approval by the Judges Committee
- Applications will be processed ahead of each scheduled Judges Committee meeting
- To be considered in the first batch your application email and pass certificate must be received **no later than 31 August 2026**
- If you have any questions regarding the procedure, please contact the Judges & Judging team at judges.education@royalkennelclub.com





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