

## STAKEHOLDER NOTICE

<b>Code of Racing</b>	Thoroughbred
<b>Description</b>	Procedure - QAJP Employer Approval
<b>Effective Date</b>	May 15, 2026
<b>Queries</b>	<a href="mailto:QAJP@racingqueensland.com.au">QAJP@racingqueensland.com.au</a>

Racing Queensland (**RQ**) has approved a new framework for assessing Trainers' suitability to employ apprentice jockeys as part of the Queensland Apprentice Jockey Program (**QAJP**).

The new [Procedure - QAJP Employer Approval](#) (**Procedure**) is intended to support apprentice jockey safety, welfare, supervision and development by ensuring that Trainers seeking to employ apprentice jockeys have suitable arrangements in place.

The Procedure sets out the minimum standards a Trainer must meet, and continue to meet, to be approved as a "**QAJP Approved Employer**". These standards relate to licensing and eligibility, employment arrangements, facilities, resourcing and supervision, induction and onboarding, work health and safety, and character, conduct and suitability.

As part of the approval process, Trainers will be required to complete the [Application Form - QAJP Employer Approval](#) and provide supporting documentation, including:

- a WorkCover certificate of currency;
- a proposed employment agreement for apprentice jockeys; and
- a current national police certificate.

RQ may also undertake stable visits and trainer interviews to assess suitability against the minimum standards.

The Procedure will apply to all Trainers intending to employ apprentice jockeys from the effective date, whether as a new apprentice jockey, or an existing apprentice jockey by way of loan or transfer.

Importantly, existing apprenticeship arrangements in Queensland will not be affected by the Procedure. However, if an apprentice jockey wishes to be placed on loan with, or transferred to, another Queensland-based Trainer, that Trainer will need to be approved as a QAJP Approved Employer before RQ considers whether to grant the permission required under the Rules of Racing.

RQ encourages any Trainer who is interested in employing apprentice jockeys, or who has questions about the new approval process, to contact the QAJP Team at [QAJP@racingqueensland.com.au](mailto:QAJP@racingqueensland.com.au).