



Badminton Australia

TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

CERTIFICATED

UMPIRE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

1. Nominations: A call for nominations for assessment as a Certificated Umpire will be sent from BATOC to States on **01 September each year**. Nominations for assessment must be forwarded by the State Technical Officials Committee (TOC) to Badminton Australia Technical Officials Committee Chair (BATOC) **by 20 September**.

Umpires will not be considered for assessment, if the BATOC consider that the candidate does not have enough experience or ability to go to the Certificated level.

2. Qualifications required: To be accepted for assessment as a Certificated Umpire, the following criteria will apply: – candidate must be an Accredited level National Umpire and have held that qualification for a minimum of two years. All nominees must have met their accredited criteria for that Level in the previous 12 months. Understand and speak English fluently.

3. Assessors: Assessments for Certificated level Umpires may be carried out by any current and ex BWF or Confederation level Umpires or other suitably qualified person appointed by BATOC. BATOC will appoint assessors once nominations for assessment are received and a place for assessment has been approved.

4. Assessment: This will take place at event/s as nominated by the BATOC. Where possible and practical, this assessment should be held outside of the home State of the candidate. However, the level of the event will be the final determining factor. The assessment will consist of the following:

National Certificated Level: Each candidate will sit a written examination on the Laws of Badminton and must achieve a pass mark of **80%**. The exam will be in English. Practical Assessment – be assessed over minimum of 12 matches of which 7 are to be as an Umpire and 5 are to be as a Service Judge. 50% of these matches must be Doubles.

4.1 Practical Assessment: a) Each candidate will undergo a practical assessment using the BATOC Assessment sheet and must achieve satisfactory grade to pass. b) To ensure adequate coverage of candidates' performances, a minimum of two assessors should be appointed to assess a maximum of six candidates. If there are more than six candidates to assess, at least one additional assessor per two candidates should be appointed. c) Assessment categories are: Match preparation; Calling of Scores; Court Management; Conclusion of Match and Service Judging.

4.2 Final Approval: Following assessment of both Theory and Practical levels, Assessors will forward the results to BATOC with a recommendation as to whether the candidate has passed the assessment or otherwise. The Badminton Australia Technical Officials Committee will ratify these results and subsequently notify the candidate's State as to whether they have been successful or otherwise.

5. Selected tournaments for practical assessment: Clendinnen Shield/Closed Championships, under 19 National Carnival, Oceania Championships and any International event providing enough practical matches for assessment.

Note: Ideally the practical assessment process shall be completed in one selected tournament. Where required the Assessors can recommend completion at a future tournament.

6. Grading: Upon satisfactorily completing the assessment procedures, candidates will be accorded 'Certificated National Umpire' status and be awarded a Certificate from Badminton Australia in recognition of their achievement.

7. Age Limit: There will be no age limit imposed on those eligible for assessment.

8. Maintenance of Status: Each Umpire who attains a National Certificated level status must remain active and meet the criteria below:

National Certificate Umpire: Umpires must meet the criteria established for maintenance of the National qualification **(5 tournaments and 50 matches, per calendar year). In addition to this, National Certificated Umpires are expected to attend at least 1 National or higher event (preferably outside home state) over a two-year period and officiate a minimum of 10 matches at this event.**

To maintain National requirements, All Oceania and above Umpires must include at least 4 tournaments (3 of which must be national level and below) and 40 matches or at least 40 Hrs per year locally by performing any of the below:

Perform Duty as “Qualified Referee” at Tournament: 1 Day 10 Hrs, 2 Days 15 Hrs.

Run or assist to run Junior and /or National Accredited Umpire course: Junior 5 Hrs, National Accredited 10 Hrs.

Carry out assessment / Appraisals of Court officials: Assessment 10 Hrs, Appraisal 5 Hrs.

National Certificated Umpires must remain at that level for a minimum of two years before they can be considered for assessment at Oceania Accredited Level

9. Notes: BATOC is satisfied that the ‘testing’ procedures (both written and practical) within each State will produce similar results. Therefore, it will not be a requirement that there be representation from different states on the assessment panel. However, should there be qualified assessors from different States in attendance at the assessment tournament, then the panel should include representatives from different States.

10. All National Certificated Umpires are to return through their State TOC a record of work each year. If they fail to meet the criteria for maintenance of status as in 8 above, they will be advised in writing by BATOC that they will be given 12 months grace to rectify the situation. Failure to rectify will result in the Umpire being downgraded to National Accredited level and they will be required to go through the assessment process to regain Certificated level.

11. All National Certificated Umpires will be appraised at least once every 4 years, or as requested by BATOC.