

Media release

QRIC forms get smarter with SmartForms

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In a first for the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) a new electronic SmartForm is being trialled for all new stablehand and kennel attendant licence applications on the QRIC website (www.qric.qld.gov.au/).

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said from today, the SmartForm option would be available to the public for these licence types.

"The SmartForm is the first step in enabling members of the public to transact electronically with QRIC," he said.

"A link on the QRIC website will link to a SmartForm module where applicants can apply for a stablehand or kennel attendant licence which have now also become a three year licence."

"The three year licence option means stablehands and kennel attendants will no longer be required to renew their licenses annually."

The Commissioner said applicants would upload their details to a webform and pay through an online payment portal.

"Payments will also be easier on the SmartForm using a BPoint credit card facility and costs for a three year licence will mostly be cheaper than renewing licenses every year," he said.

"Fees will move to a flat \$75 for three years for stablehands and kennel attendants across all codes including new applications and renewals and the \$20 transfer fee that currently applies to thoroughbreds only, will be removed.

"Mr Barnett said the SmartForm would also be available in a PDF format on the QRIC website.

"This will enable applicants to choose their preferred method of applying for stablehand and kennel attendant licenses in the short to medium term," he said.

"The link to the SmartForm and the PDF version will be located in the licensing section under each code on the QRIC website.

"If this trial goes well, many QRIC forms will eventually be considered to become SmartForm based, streamlining the Commission's administration of licenses and registration for all participants.

"This would be a gradual process and participants will be made aware before any changes are made to other forms on the QRIC website," Commissioner Barnett said.

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