

1. Why are the requirements for accreditation changed?

Accreditation ensures minimum competency standards in dog training to make sure the dog is properly controlled by its handler and will be less prone to show aggression or bite. The Panel for Accreditation of Dog Trainers has reviewed the accreditation requirements for a more comprehensive and stringent assessment of the dog trainer.

2. What are the changes?

S/N	Before 1 November 2017	From 1 November 2017
1	5 verifiable references from clients whose dogs have been trained by you in the last 2 years; 2 of which have to include the training of Scheduled dogs and/or medium-to-large dogs with aggressive behavioural issues.	10 verifiable references from clients whose dogs have been trained by you in the last 2 years; 4 of which have to include the training of Scheduled dogs and/or medium-to-large dogs with aggressive behavioural issues.
2	No video of the dog's training is required, unless otherwise requested the Panel for Accreditation of Dog Trainers.	Video of the dog training is required, showcasing the following three segments: i. Dog's initial behavioural problems; ii. Process of training to improve behaviour; and iii. Results of training for both the dog and owner. The video is to be submitted to AVA: i. With at least 1 minute catered for each segment; and ii. Via email with link(s) to an online streaming/hosting platform, such as Youtube, and DropBox

3. I am a dog trainer. What if I apply for accreditation before 1st November 2017?

You may submit your application before 1st November 2017, subjected to the existing requirements:

- i. 5 verifiable references from clients whose dogs have been trained by you in the last 2 years. 2 of which have to include the training of Scheduled dogs and/or medium-to-large dogs with aggressive behavioural issues;
- ii. No video of the dog's training is required, unless otherwise requested the Panel.

Assessment will be done on a quarterly basis each year. You may be requested to provide more references should they be unverifiable.

4. I am a dog trainer. I have been preparing my application since October 2017, but submitted the application on 1st November 2017. Am I still subjected to the new requirements?

Yes, with effect from 1st November 2017, all applications received by AVA are subject to the following new requirements:

- i. 10 verifiable references, from clients whose dogs have been trained by you in the last 2 years, 4 of which have to include the training of Scheduled dogs and/or medium-to-large dogs with aggressive behavioural issues;
- ii. Video of the dog training is required, showcasing the following three segments: dog's initial behavioural problems, process of training to improve behaviour, and results of training for both the dog and owner (at least 1 minute per segment).

Assessment will be done on a quarterly basis each year. You may be requested to provide more references should they be unverifiable.

5. What should the dog training demonstration video comprise of?

The video(s) should showcasing the following three segments:

- i. Dog's initial behavioural problems;
- ii. Process of training to improve behaviour; and
- iii. Results of training for both the dog and owner.

The video is to be submitted to AVA with at least 1 minute catered for each segment, and via email with link(s) to an online streaming/hosting platform, such as Youtube, and DropBox.

6. Must my dog obedience training course be of the same standards as that in the demonstration video found on AVA website?

The video, provided by the German Shepherd Club of Singapore, demonstrates the accreditation syllabus for basic dog obedience training. You may refer to the video as a guideline for your obedience training course.

7. How long does it take for my application for dog trainer accreditation to be processed?

The assessment for accreditation will be done on a quarterly basis each year, on January, April, July, and October.

The assessment of the application will take 4-6 weeks. The assessment may be extended if the references provided are not verifiable. To facilitate the processing of your application, you may wish to check that your references are contactable.