

CMGA Procedure to obtain a full CMGA judging license:

1. Attend and successfully pass, with a minimum score of 80% for both the written and oral exams, a CMGA-sanctioned Judges Licensing Forum and receive an official CMGA “Apprentice” certificate.
2. Apprentice at a minimum of three (3) CMGA-sanctioned shows under three (3) different judges within three (3) years of passing the Judges Licensing Forum, with the following criteria:
 - a. The apprentice must follow the same code of ethics that the official judge adheres to.
 - b. The apprentice must give oral reasons in at least three (3) classes at each show.
 - c. The apprentice may submit more than three applications but the applications considered will be the three most recent.
 - d. Only one apprenticeship under a non-CMGA licensed judge will be considered. The other two apprenticeships must be under CMGA licensed judges.
 - e. In order to apprentice at a specific show, apprentices must apply to the CMGA office no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled show. In addition, apprentices are responsible for contacting the show committee and the judge they wish to apprentice under to receive permission no less than 30 days prior to the date of the show. Failure to follow this procedure may negate the results of the apprenticeship.
 - f. The apprentice is responsible for bringing a current copy of the Apprentice Judge Assessment form to the show venue and ensuring that the licensed judge completes the form and forwards it to the CMGA office.
 - g. Scores on the Apprentice Judge Assessments must show overall improvement. To be considered towards the judge’s license, scores must be a minimum of 8 out of 10 in all sections of the assessment.
 - h. The CMGA Board of Directors will make the final decision for the issuance of a Judge’s license.
3. Once the CMGA Board of Directors has approved the license, an official CMGA Judge’s certificate will be issued from the CMGA office.