

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING TO TAKE THE JUDGES EXAM

You can download obtain an application one of the following ways:

1. Download the Application form from the FUSTA website;
<http://fusta.us/otherforms.aspx>
The Judge's Test Application form is the 5th down.
2. Download the Application form from the SOBHD website;
<http://www.sobhd.net/downloads/>
Scroll about ½ way down the page to "Judges" to get to the PDF for the Judge's Test Application form.

Contact John Hynd, Chairman, FUSTA National Judges Committee, if you are considering applying to sit or re-sit the Judge's test. John is FUSTA's contact person to the SOBHD on all judging matters and is the candidate's point of contact for dates, times, venue and other pertinent information regarding the test. Additionally, he needs to have an accurate count of the number of candidates planning on taking the test the candidate is taking it for the first time or re-sitting the test. Contact John at.:

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➤ **Cost of the exam (as of January 2011)**

Test in North America

£250; re-sit fee: £195

Test in the U.K.

£195; re-sit fee: £150

➤ **Confirmation of acceptance**

Candidates will receive confirmation of testing dates, schedule, contact information and candidate number once application has been approved by the SOBHD.

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➤ Filling out the application

- Be sure to fill out all parts legibly.
- Test application forms may be submitted to the SOBHD offices via email attachment, fax or regular mail. All applications for the Judge's Test must be received by the SOBHD Head Office at least 3 months prior to sitting the exam.

- If the applicant wishes to pay by credit card, the applicant must contact the SOBHD office in order to receive and complete a credit card application form in order to have your use a credit card method for payment.
- American checks are not accepted. If not paying with a credit card, you must pay with a cashier's check or money order/bank note in pounds sterling.
- There is a section which asks you to check off whether or not you will continue to compete once you have passed your exam. If you state on the application that you plan to continue competing, once you pass the exam, you will only be eligible to judge Under 16 age groups. A formal letter of retirement from competitive Highland dancing would then need to be submitted to the SOBHD to allow you to judge all age groups going forward. If you state on the application form that you do not plan to continue competing, no such letter is needed.
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