

## <u>APPLICATION FOR A MULTI YEAR LICENCE TO TRAIN:</u> GUIDANCE FOR TRAINERS

To reduce the administrative burden, and simplify the licence renewal process, the BHA are piloting the option of a Multi-Year Licence (MYL) for Trainers.

While a one-year licence will remain the default option, in conducting the trial, Trainers who meet the eligibility criteria outlined below may be offered the option to apply for a MYL as part of their next Licence renewal.

Please note that the standard length of a MYL will be five years, unless otherwise directed by the BHA. All MYL holders must continue to ensure that all details relevant to their Licence are maintained and updated in accordance with <u>Rules</u> and <u>Guidance Notes</u> and will be required to annually confirm an understanding of their responsibilities as a Licenced Trainer by completing an online declaration.

## Eligibility Criteria for a Multi-Year Licence to Train

Outlined below are the eligibility criteria for Trainers to be considered for a MYL. Please note that this criteria should be considered alongside the Guidance Notes and Rules of Racing where appropriate:

- Trainers must have held a Licence to Train for a minimum three years, including new training partnerships; and,
- Trainers must either have a direct debit set up or hold a Weatherby's Bank Account.

Please note, at the discretion of the BHA, Trainers with an adverse Disciplinary, Finance, Supervision or Licensing history may not be considered for a MYL.

## **Ongoing Requirements**

Trainers are reminded that a MYL does not alter the requirements of <u>Rules</u> and <u>Guidance Notes</u> to keep the information held by the BHA, and provided as part of their Licence application, up to date. This includes, but is not limited to, maintaining their personal data, updating their insurance details each year and ensuring that the latest lease, if applicable, is uploaded.

In addition, the BHA must approve any Change in Employment and/or Change of Stables / Additional Yard applications **before** they come into effect. For more information on this process please contact the Licensing Team.

If the information is not received in a timely manner, Trainers will be referred to the BHA Supervision Team. Failure to notify the BHA of any of the above, keep relevant licence details up to date or complete the annual online declaration, may result in disciplinary action potentially leading to the suspension of runners and the cancellation of a Licence.

## **Fees**

Should a MYL application be approved, to manage the financial burden on Trainers, licence fees will continue to be charged on an annual basis on the anniversary of their renewal date.

For example, should a Trainer be granted a five-year licence on 1<sup>st</sup> February, whilst a full renewal application will not need to be submitted for five years, on 1<sup>st</sup> February each year an annual licence fee will be charged to the Trainer's racing account.

Trainers will continue to be able to relinquish their licence at any point and, where appropriate, a partial refund will be offered.

For further information, please contact the Licensing Team via <u>licensing@britishhorseraicng.com</u> or 020 7152 0260.