

GUIDELINES FOR TRACK RIDER'S LICENCE APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL

1. Applications for a track rider's licence in Mauritius are assessed on a case-by-case basis and within the framework of the following guidelines. As a rule, applications will not be considered from individuals aged under 16 years old.
2. All applications must be submitted to the Licensing Committee via the Racing Department of the Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA) at hrid@gra.mu.
3. **General Eligibility Criteria**
 - (i) Applicants are required to demonstrate that they meet the following criteria:
 - (ii) **Horse Riding Ability:** Applicants must possess the skill and ability to ride various types of horses, including those with different temperaments and level of training.
 - (iii) Applicants must demonstrate a high level of professionalism and integrity in their conduct on and off the track.
4. **The applicant's conduct in prior dealing with:**
 - (i) Substance Abuse: Drug or alcohol abuse, or other behaviours that may compromise safety, health, or professionalism.
 - (ii) Susceptibility to influence or corruption, including associations with individuals who pose a threat to the integrity of horse racing.
5. **Verification process.**
 - a) To verify compliance with these criteria, applicants are required to provide documentation, such as:
 - (i) NIC/Passport
 - (ii) Two colour passport size photos
 - (iii) Proof of address (less than 3 months) Birth certificate and letter from responsible party & NIC *(IF A MINOR)*
 - (iv) Certificate of Character (from home country for foreign nationals)

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- (v) Letter of recommendation/clearance from GRA Riding Master (they can check medical history and clearance)
- (vi) Insurance/Indemnity cover (*To secure insurance cover with the Horse Racing Organiser*)
- (vii) Barrier Trial Result
- (viii) If foreigner,
 - i. Residence / Occupation permit
 - ii. Contract with employer to be submitted on issue of license
 - iii. Letter of intent/undertaking from Trainer (Contract of Employment must be submitted once licensed)
- b) Participate in interviews or assessments to evaluate their riding ability, knowledge, and character.

6. **Ongoing Compliance.**

Track Riders are expected to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, and to comply with all applicable rules and regulations. Failure to meet these criteria may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of riding privileges.

- 7. The GRA will exercise its discretion in assessing each application, considering the totality of the applicant's conduct, competence, integrity, and associations. The overriding objective is to protect the integrity of racing in Mauritius and ensure that only individuals who meet the highest professional and ethical standards are licensed.