



**TECHNICAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE  
UMPIRE QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES**

**1. Nominations:**

A call for nominations for assessment as an Oceania Umpire (Accredited or Certificated) will be sent from the Badminton Oceania Office to Oceania countries on 01 September each year. Nominations for assessment **must** be forwarded by the National Technical Officials Committee (TOC) of the country of residence of the candidate to Badminton Oceania Technical Officials Committee (BOTO) by 30 September.

Where an Umpire has been part of a mentor program, a recommendation from their mentor should be included in the nomination process.

Umpires will not be considered for assessment, if the BOTO consider that the candidate does not have enough experience or ability to go to the following level.

**2. Qualifications required:**

To be accepted for assessment as an Oceania Umpire, the following criteria will apply:

- Accredited Umpire – candidate must be a Certificated level National or Pacific Umpire and have held that qualification for a minimum of two years. All nominees must have met their National/Pacific TOC criteria for that Level in the previous 12 months. Understand and speak English fluently.
- Certificated Umpire – candidate must be an accredited level Oceania Umpire and have held that qualification for a minimum of two years. All nominees must have met both their National/Pacific TOC and the Oceania criteria for that level in the previous 12 months. Understand and speak English fluently.

**3. Assessors:**

Assessments for Oceania level Umpires may be carried out by any current and ex BWF Umpires or other suitably qualified person appointed by Badminton Oceania. BOTO will appoint assessors once nominations for assessment are received and a place for assessment has been approved.

**4. Assessment:**

This will take place at an event as nominated by the BOTO. Where possible and practical, this assessment should be held outside of the home country of the assessee. However, the level of the event will be the final determining factor. The assessment will consist of the following:

**Oceania Accredited Level**

- Each candidate will sit a written examination on the Laws of Badminton and must achieve a pass mark of 80%. The exam will be in English.
- Practical Assessment – be assessed over minimum of 9 matches of which 5 are to be as an Umpire and 4 are to be as a Service Judge. 50% of these matches must be Doubles.

**Oceania Certificated Level**

- Practical Assessment – be assessed over minimum of 9 matches of which 5 are to be as an Umpire and 4 are to be as a Service Judge. 50% of these matches must be Doubles.

#### 4.1 Practical Assessment:

- a) Each candidate will undergo a practical assessment using the BOTO Assessment sheet and must achieve satisfactory grade to pass.
- b) To ensure adequate coverage of candidates' performances, a minimum of two assessors should be appointed to assess a maximum of six candidates. If there are more than six candidates to assess, at least one additional assessor per two candidates should be appointed.
- c) Assessment categories are: Match preparation; Calling of Scores; Court Management; Conclusion of Match and Service Judging.

#### 4.2 Final Approval:

Following assessment of both Theory and Practical levels, Assessors will forward the results to Badminton Oceania with a recommendation as to whether the candidate has passed the assessment or otherwise. The Badminton Oceania Technical Officials Committee will ratify these results and subsequently notify the candidate's country as to whether they have been successful or otherwise.

#### 5. Selected tournaments for practical assessment:

**Australia:** Clendinnen Shield/Closed Championships and any International event providing enough practical matches for assessment.

**New Zealand:** Wisden/Slazenger tournament and any International event providing enough practical matches for assessment.

Note: Entire practical assessment process shall be completed in one selected tournament.

#### 6. Grading:

Upon satisfactorily completing the assessment procedures, candidates will be accorded either 'Accredited Oceania Umpire' or 'Certificated Oceania Umpire' status and be awarded a Certificate from Badminton Oceania in recognition of their achievement.

#### 7. Age Limit:

There will be no age limit imposed on those eligible for assessment, but preference will be given to those who meet BWF age criteria.

#### 8. Maintenance of Status:

Each Umpire who attains an Oceania level status must remain active and meet the criteria below:

##### Oceania Accredited Umpire

- Umpires must meet the criteria established for maintenance of the National or Pacific qualification.
- In addition to this, Oceania Accredited Umpires are expected to attend at least one International event within Oceania per year and officiate a minimum of 10 matches at that event.

##### Oceania Certificate Umpire

- Umpires must meet the criteria established for maintenance of the National or Pacific qualification.
- In addition to this, Oceania Certificated Umpires are expected to attend at least three International events (one of which must be within Oceania) over a two year period and officiate a minimum of 10 matches at these events.

Both Accredited and Certificated Umpires **must** remain at that level for a **minimum** of two years before they can be considered for upgrading

**9. Notes:**

BOTOC is satisfied that the 'testing' procedures (both written and practical) within Australia and New Zealand will produce similar results. Therefore, it will not be a requirement that there be representation from both countries on the assessment panel. However, should there be qualified assessors from Australia and New Zealand in attendance at a particular tournament, then the panel should include representatives from both countries. This means qualified Australian assessors can assess Australian candidates and likewise, New Zealand assessors can assess New Zealand candidates.

When there are qualified assessors in other countries, they will be included in any list of assessors from which panels are selected.

- 10.** All Oceania Umpires are to return through their national COC a record of work each year. If they fail to meet the criteria for maintenance of status as in 8 above they will be advised in writing by BOTOC that they will be given 12 months grace to rectify the situation. Failure to rectify will result in the Umpire being downgraded to National level and they will be required to go through the assessment process to regain accredited level.