



**Dance
Promoters'
Association** ®

DPA Adjudicator Licence

1. The DPA Adjudicator Licence shall commence on **1 January** and expire on **31 December** of each calendar year.
2. Applicants must be a minimum of **18 years of age** to be eligible to apply for a DPA Adjudicator Licence.
3. All adjudicators must hold a **valid Adjudicator Licence** and possess appropriate qualifications in the relevant genre(s) in order to adjudicate at an event.
4. The adjudicator licence fee will be **included within Full DPA Membership from 2026**. Non-members may obtain an adjudicator licence for an annual fee of **£80**.
5. All adjudicators will be subject to a **due diligence process** to ensure their qualifications are appropriate for adjudicating the relevant genre and/or grade. Confirmation of an adjudicator's eligibility will be made available to DPA Promoters upon request.

Recognised genres and eligibility:

- Ballroom, Latin and Classical Sequence
 - **Associate** – eligible to adjudicate competitions
 - **Licentiate** – eligible to adjudicate competitions and championships
6. The same eligibility criteria apply to recognised **sub-genres**, as follows:
 - **Ballroom** – eligible to adjudicate Modern Sequence and Smooth
 - **Latin** – eligible to adjudicate Latin Sequence and Rhythm
 7. Adjudicators must comply fully with all **DPA Safeguarding and Equity Policies** and must adjudicate impartially, without fear or favour, treating all dancers fairly, equally, and with respect.
 8. Licensed adjudicators are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a **professional manner** and in accordance with the **DPA Code of Conduct**. Failure to meet these standards may result in disciplinary action, including sanctions and, where necessary, the withdrawal of the DPA Adjudicator Licence.

9. An adjudicator must not officiate at an event where a member of their direct family is competing. Direct family is defined as a **first cousin or closer relation**, and/or a **permanent member of the same household**.