

INTRODUCTION

1. Since 15 November 2010, all newly licensed dogs belonging to the breeds specified in the Second Schedule of the Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) Rules (“**Scheduled Breed Dogs**”) and dogs which are assessed by the Director-General, Animal Health and Welfare (“**DG**”) as requiring obedience training have been required to undergo obedience training by a dog trainer accredited by the Animal and Veterinary Service of the National Parks Board (“**AVS**”).
2. The new AVS-Accredited Certified Dog Trainer (“**ACDT**”) scheme was implemented on 10 December 2022 to replace the previous Panel for AVS-Accredited Dog Trainer (“**PADT**”) scheme.

OBJECTIVE OF ACCREDITATION

3. The objective of the ACDT scheme is to ensure a benchmark for competency in dog training to better manage dog aggression and other disamenities in an effective and humane way.
4. This is not a mandatory accreditation scheme. Non-accredited dog trainers may continue to offer their services to the public but will not be recognised by AVS to train Scheduled Breed Dogs and dogs assessed by DG as requiring obedience training.

APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION

5. Applicants, including dog trainers accredited under the previous PADT scheme who are now seeking accreditation under the ACDT scheme, may apply to be an ACDT by completing and submitting the application form at <https://go.gov.sg/avs-acdt-applicationform>, which includes providing the following:
 - (i) documentary proof of existing accreditation and/or certification from any of the following organisations:
 - a) International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC);
 - b) Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT);
 - c) Animal Behaviour Society (ABS); or
 - d) The American College of Veterinary Behaviorists (ACVB); and
 - (ii) signed copy of the ‘Terms Of Accreditation of AVS-Accredited Certified Dog Trainers’.
6. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application through email within approximately 14 working days. The names of applicants who are successfully accredited as ACDTs will be published on the AVS website. No certificate of accreditation will be issued to ACDTs.
7. Applications which are incomplete or fail to meet the accreditation criteria stated above will not be processed.

TRAINER FEEDBACK

8. Applicants and ACDTs are welcome to provide feedback to AVS on the ACDT scheme by writing to <http://avs.gov.sg/feedback> or calling 1800 476 1600.