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## **Notice to the Industry**

### **ORC announces new initiatives for Multi-Breed and Multi-Year Licences**

As part of current efforts to modernize its operations and streamline licencing processes, the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) has launched two separate licencing pilot programs. Creating a multi-breed licence for specific categories will ease the licencing burden on individuals who operate across all breeds. Similarly re-introducing the concept of multi-year licences will serve as a timesaving measure for participants.

The ORC recognizes that horse racing in Ontario is in a state of transition. The organization is working hard to develop new and improved processes, intended to increase ORC's efficiencies and make improvements for participants.

It should be noted that the pilot programs will be limited to specific categories for 2013 – full roll out to other categories in future years will occur based on the outcomes and feedback of the current year initiatives. Members of the racing community are encouraged to provide feedback on these initiatives.

### **Multi-Breed**

Under the current rules, individuals must be licenced to work within each breed. As an example, a veterinarian who works on the Thoroughbred backstretch must also hold a Standardbred licence if they practise on Standardbred racehorses. Under the Multi-Breed pilot program, a veterinarian can choose to receive one licence to cover work for all breeds.

For the purposes of the pilot being conducted in 2013, multi-breed licences will be available for the following categories;

<b>Category</b>	<b>Fee (Canadian)</b>
Pari-Mutuel	\$ 30
Tradesperson	\$ 65
Veterinarian	\$ 195

## Multi-Year

Following a series of requests from the racing community to reinstate a 3 year licence, the ORC is piloting a multi-year licence for Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse owners. This initiative will allow an owner to participate in Ontario racing for a period of three years without the yearly renewal process.

Category	Fee (Canadian)
Owner	\$300

## How to Apply

A person who qualifies and wishes to obtain one of these new licences, can visit the ORC Licencing Offices at Woodbine Racetrack, Mohawk Racetrack, Ajax Downs or ORC Head Office. Please note that any applicant considered “new” for the purposes of licencing will also pay a \$20 administration fee.

The new application form can be accessed and then printed using the appropriate link.

[ORC Licence Application](#)

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## Opportunity for Input

The ORC values industry feedback on these and future licencing initiatives. Based on the results of these pilots, other licence categories may be considered for Multi-breed or Multi-Year licences in the future.

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