



**FOOTBALL  
AUSTRALIA**

# **2026 MATCH OFFICIAL LICENCE REVALIDATION**

**BRIEFING PACK**

# 2026 Revalidation: WHAT'S CHANGING

## MOVING TO ANNUAL LICENCE REVALIDATION (TRACKED VIA CPD POINTS)

From the **2026 season**, match official reaccreditation will move to an **annual Licence Revalidation model** for:

- Match Officials
- Referee Coaches / Mentors
- Referee Educators

This change supports:

- Annual laws of the game updates
- Modern learning approaches
- A nationally consistent and automated system



# WHY THIS CHANGE MATTERS



## REVALIDATION: BEFORE VS NOW

### **BEFORE** (MANUAL & FRAGMENTED)

#### **Referees:**

- Unsure what was required and when
- Officiating with expired accreditations

#### **Member Federations:**

- Manual tracking and updates
- Follow-ups, spreadsheets, and exceptions

#### **Football Australia:**

- Inconsistent data
- Delayed visibility of active accreditation

### **NOW** (AUTOMATED & CONSISTENT)

#### **Referees:**

- One clear annual requirement
- Immediate confirmation in the system for **active** licences only

#### **Member Federations:**

- No manual revalidation processing
- Clear visibility of active / inactive officials

#### **Football Australia:**

- Accurate national data
- Annual alignment to LOTG changes
- Stronger quality assurance across all roles



# WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

## ALL MATCH OFFICIALS MUST:

1. Log in to the Learning Centre  
<https://learn.footballaustralia.com.au>
2. Enrol in Referee Licence Revalidation
3. Complete the required modules for your accreditation level

No extension requests.

No manual processing.

Everything is tracked automatically.

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Referee Licence Revalidation

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# WHY IT MATTERS



## KEEP YOUR LICENCE CURRENT

Completing Annual Licence Revalidation confirms you are:

- Up to date with the latest Laws of the Game
- Recognised as an active match official
- Nationally compliant
- Eligible for future progression

## IF YOU DON'T COMPLETE IT

- Your account moves to extended maintenance
- Your accreditation is not current
- Ongoing inactivity will lead to expiry

**STAY CURRENT. STAY RECOGNISED. STAY ACCREDITED.**

# WHAT YOU'LL COMPLETE



## REVALIDATION PACKAGE

You will complete:

1. Online Laws of the Game Update (15 minutes)
2. Revalidation Quiz (15 minutes)
3. Handball Tutorial (20 minutes)

### Your Revalidation Quiz

1. Multiple Choice Questions (10) – Law changes, interpretations, core principles
2. Video Quiz (12 clips) – Apply decisions to real match situations

### Requirements

- 100% pass required
- 3 attempts per quiz

# WHAT ELSE IS INCLUDED IN THE REVALIDATION PACKAGE?

As part of the 2026 Revalidation Package, you will also have access to:

- Additional video-based learning content
- Fitness training programs
- Ongoing learning resources released throughout the season

This supports referees who:

- Can't attend regular training
- Want additional development support
- Operate across multiple competition levels



# COST & LICENCE REQUIREMENT

## WHY IS THERE A COST?

As with any licence, an annual revalidation fee applies.

The **\$25 CPD package** supports:

- Ongoing maintenance of the Learning Centre
- Development and updating of education content
- System support, reporting, and national consistency



# FAQ'S

## What if I hold multiple qualifications at different levels?

You only need to complete the Revalidation Package **once per year**

Once completed:

- CPD applies to all your active qualifications
- You do not need to complete multiple packages

## What if I don't complete my Annual Licence Revalidation?

- If Revalidation is not completed, your account will move into extended maintenance until the required activities are completed.
- If there is no activity on your Learning Centre account after four years, your accreditation will expire.

## What happens if my accreditation expires?

You will be required to:

- Complete the Laws of the Game, and the relevant level of online education again
- Your Member Federation will then assess your refereeing capability and appoint you to appropriate matches

## Is this CPD or Licence Revalidation?

- It is **Annual Licence Revalidation**.
- The Learning Centre records completion using CPD points as a tracking mechanism.
- At this stage, CPD points are allocated exclusively through the Referee Licence Revalidation Package.

# FAQ'S

## Is the Laws of the Game available for free?

Yes (as per 2025).

- The Online Laws of the Game (LOTG) course is available for \$0
- The LOTG Update is also available for \$0

These options are designed to ensure:

- Open access to Law knowledge
- Entry referees and returning officials can stay informed
- Everyone can view the latest Law changes

## Does the free LOTG or LOTG Update count towards CPD?

No (as per 2025).

- The free LOTG and free LOTG Update
  - Do not attract CPD points
  - Do not meet annual revalidation requirements

Once referees move into the annual revalidation model, CPD points are only allocated through the Referee Licence Revalidation package.

## Why is CPD linked to revalidation instead?

The revalidation model ensures:

- A consistent national standard
- Confirmation that referees have understood and applied Law changes
- Automated accreditation updates across all roles

Free LOTG access remains available for learning, while CPD confirms licence currency.

**QUESTIONS?**

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Revalidation is now annual (recorded via CPD points in the Learning Centre)
- Complete it once
- Everything is managed through the Learning Centre
- Staying current keeps you accredited, supported, and match-ready

**Log in. Enrol. Complete. Stay accredited.**



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