

OBEDIENCE “EXCELLENT” QUALIFICATIONS

The certificate is the **OBEDIENCE EXCELLENT QUALIFICATION**, which will be awarded to a dog gaining sufficient top four placings in standard classes at Open and Championship shows. This will not replace the method of progressing from each class and only results gained on or after 1 January 2006 can be used for calculation towards this award.

The qualifications will be:

P-Beg Ex.

Beg Ex.

Nov Ex.

A Ex.

B Ex.

C Ex.

The above qualifications may be used after the dog's name. Only one such qualification may be shown so that as a dog progresses to a higher qualification, the lower one may no longer be used.

Points towards the qualification 'Excellent' in any particular Class will be awarded as a result of gaining places in that Class and/or any higher class. Qualifying Points will be awarded as follows:

Place	Points
1st	10
2nd	4
3rd	2
4th	1

The points required to achieve the qualifications are as follows:

Class	Points Required
Pre-Beginners	10
Beginners	20
Novice	20
Class A	30
Class B	30
Class C	40

It can be seen that a dog can achieve the 'Excellent' qualification in any particular class by gaining the requisite number of points. For example, a dog gaining 7 x 3rd places in Beginners (14 points) plus 1 x 2nd place in Beginners (4 points) plus 1 x 3rd place in Novice (2 points) will have a total of 20 points - all gained in either Beginners or a higher class. The dog will still be eligible for

Beginners until such time as it wins out in the conventional manner but will be able to be entered with the 'Beg Ex.' qualification after its name.

Once a dog has gained enough points the handler may submit an application form, which is available from the Shows, Trials and Awards Department at the Kennel Club, to be issued with the relevant certificate.

NOTE (Repeated from above): Only one such qualification may be shown so that as a dog progresses to a higher qualification, the lower one may no longer be used.