

Australia: Training in DUS Examination



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Training - Context

Australia Breeder Testing System

- Growing trials are conducted by the **Applicant** (often also the breeder) or by a third party on their behalf
- A PBR office accredited **Qualified Person** (QP) oversees technical aspects of trial
- A PBR office **Examiner** also has opportunity to examine the growing trial to verify the DUS claims

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Training – Context (cont.)

- **Qualified Person (QP)** ~ 250
 - undertake/supervise growing trial
 - data collection, prepare variety description
 - certify DUS claims

- **Examiner** = 5
 - verify DUS claims, editing of descriptions
 - provide training
 - decision makers

Result: two different approaches in training related to DUS Examination

Training - Elements

Training methods

Qualified Person

- **Workshops**
 - basics of UPOV
 - outline of key TGP documents
(eg TGP's 1,8,9,10,11)
 - requirements specific to Australia
(eg 2 generations seed propagated var.)
 - also updates to legislation/policy and systems

- **One to one training (inf.)**
 - Correspondence (usually email) or phone
 - On site as part of the examination process

Training – Elements (cont.)

Examiner

- **UPOV DL-205 course**
 - Requirement for new Examiners
- **Mentoring**
 - Mentored by experienced examiners
- **Competency Based Training**
 - Assessment based – several progression points
 - Require completion of modules in specified time
 - Evidence of performance and knowledge
(eg case studies, portfolios, questioning)
 - Delegation to make decisions
(including DUS examination)

Training - Reason

- Consistent and harmonised DUS examination
- Applicability to Australian system
- Assessment of performance in practice

Thank You