

From the Department of Justice

# JP Reappointments



The Department would like to remind all JPs about the statutory retirement age and reappointment processes under the [Justices of the Peace Act 2018](#) (the Act).

At the time of writing (mid-January 2023), the Department has identified 74 JP appointments that will expire on 1 July this year.

Section 14 of the Act provides for a statutory retirement age of 75 years. If a JP has not applied for reappointment by their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday they cease to hold office.

All JPs who wish to continue in office beyond 75 years of age must make an application for reappointment.

Section 7 of the Act allows JPs to apply for reappointment six months before or six months after they attain the age of 75 years.

The fact that JPs have six months after their appointment expires to apply for reappointment does not mean that they can continue to validly exercise the powers of a Justice after their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Any Justice who has not been reappointed by their 75th birthday or by the time their appointment expires must cease undertaking any JP duties until their reappointment is confirmed.

JP reappointments at age 75 or above are for a maximum of two years only.

When a JP has been reappointed at age 75, they may continue to seek reappointment every two years until they attain the age of 84 years and six months. Once again, JPs are encouraged to apply for reappointment before the two year appointment expires.

There is no discretion for the Secretary of the Department to reappoint a JP who has not applied within the appropriate timeframes.

All JP appointments end at age 85 and there is also no discretion for this to be extended.

JPs can apply for reappointment by visiting the [Department's website](#). Alternatively, the Department can be contacted by email to [jp@justice.tas.gov.au](mailto:jp@justice.tas.gov.au), by telephone on 6166 1429 or Justices can write to GPO Box 825, Hobart 7001 to request an application form.

The Department would also encourage all JPs who are not intending to apply for reappointment to advise the Department.