What happens next?
Once an applicant has completed the JP training course the Attorney General will recommend the applicant for appointment to the Governor of Western Australia.

Oath of office
After the Governor of WA approves your appointment, you are required to take the Oath of Office as a JP, before you can begin providing JP services. The Oath will be taken before your local Magistrate. Your appointment is then published in the Government Gazette and this is the effective date of your appointment as a JP.

Training
Ongoing training is also required to maintain your skills and knowledge expected by the community. JPs who preside in court are required to attend annual training on court procedures.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Refer to the Department of the Attorney General website at www.dotag.wa.gov.au

Or contact:
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Justices of the Peace (JPs) play an essential part in the justice system and in the community in Western Australia.

By volunteering to become a JP you will be providing a valuable and important service to the administration of justice in your community.

What does a JP do?
As well as presiding in the Magistrates Court, JPs are regularly called upon by the WA Police to issue search warrants. Other tasks include witnessing affidavits, statutory declarations and certifying documents. There is a need for JPs to assist at document witnessing centres and other places. JPs are expected to perform their duties consistently and be available to the public whenever possible.

Am I eligible?
To be appointed as a justice of the peace an applicant must satisfy the following criteria for appointment:

- Australian citizen with a minimum of 12 months residence in Western Australia.
- Enrolled on the State electoral roll.
- Of good character and reputation, including (preferably) a record of community service.
- Demonstrate a willingness and capacity to fulfil all the duties of a JP when called upon.
- Not insolvent under administration.
- Over 18 and under 65 years of age.

The Attorney General has issued a code of conduct for JPs which sets out the high standards of conduct that a JP is expected to uphold.

How do I apply?
An application form to become a JP can be downloaded from the Department of the Attorney General website at www.dotag.wa.gov.au.

What is the application process?
In metropolitan Perth an application form must be submitted through a State Member of Parliament.

In regional areas, nominations can be submitted through a local magistrate or State Member of Parliament. Applicants are screened commencing with a National Criminal History Checks, progressing to referee reports and an interview with a Magistrate.

The outcome of the assessment is provided to the Attorney General. Applicants offered an appointment must complete a JP training course before appointment within 12 months.