



Certification Council for
Professional Dog Trainers

CPDT-KSA Video Recording Guide

Video Recording Devices Overview

Any device that can record digital video in MP4 (MPEG4) format can be used to record the videos. If you do not have a device that can record in this format, there are free tools available to convert videos into the required format and size.

Most recording devices, by default, record at a higher resolutions and frame rates than needed for this examination. Recording at high resolution and frame rates will result in larger files, which will take a longer time to upload.

Before recording the videos, please set your recording devices with the video specifications outlined below for the best balance of video quality and file size.

Video Format

The video submission must consist of four separate videos (one for each exercise). **Videos MUST be formatted as MPEG4 (MP4)**. The video quality must be suitable for the CPDT-KSA Raters to clearly see and hear everything in the video.

Video Resolution and Frame Rate

The acceptable video resolution size is 1280x720 (720p) with no more than 30 frames per second (fps). Before recording the video, please set the device/camera to record at one of the following:

720p HD 30 fps

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On Android devices you may not be able to select frames per second (fps). The HD720p setting will provide a good balance of video quality and file size.

NOTE: If you have already recorded your videos at a higher resolution and/or frame rate, please see "How to Convert Videos to MP4 Format and HD Resolution" later in this guide.

Video File Size and Upload Speed

At a resolution of 720p HD 30 fps, a five-minute video file will be close to 400MB. Depending on the upload speed of an average broadband internet connection (1-2Mbps), a 400MB file should take about 10 minutes to upload.

Video File Name

Please name each video with your full name as entered on your application and the specific exercise number for which you are uploading the video. For example:

janedoe1

williamsmith3

Do not use any of the following:

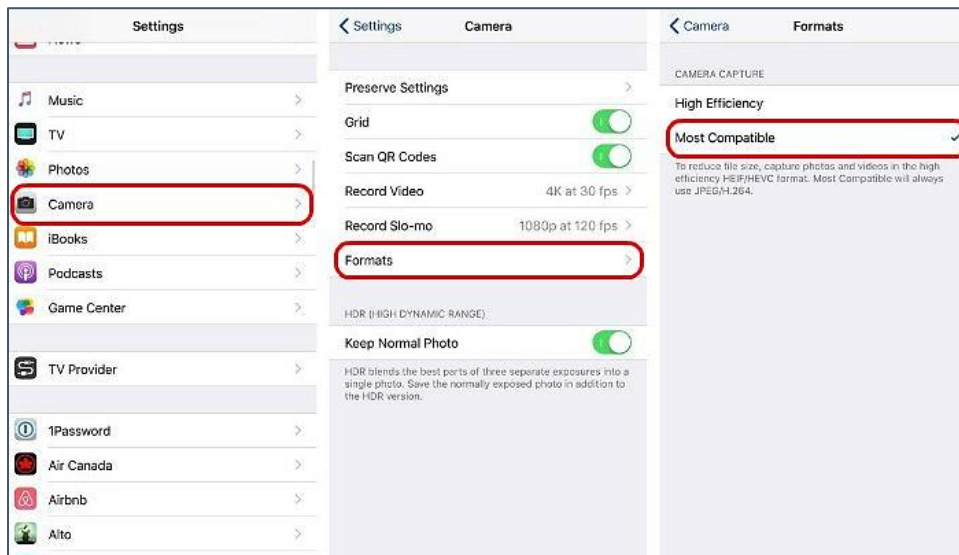
- Spaces
- Commas/Periods
- Dashes/Underscores
- Special Characters (\#\$\$%^)

How to Set iOS (Apple) Devices for Recording

1. [Set the Recording Format](#)

The new version of iOS does not record in MP4 format by default. To record video in MP4 video, please navigate to “Settings -> Camera -> Format.”

Here you will see that “High Efficiency” is selected by default. Tap on “Most Compatible” instead to force your iOS device to capture video in MP4 format.



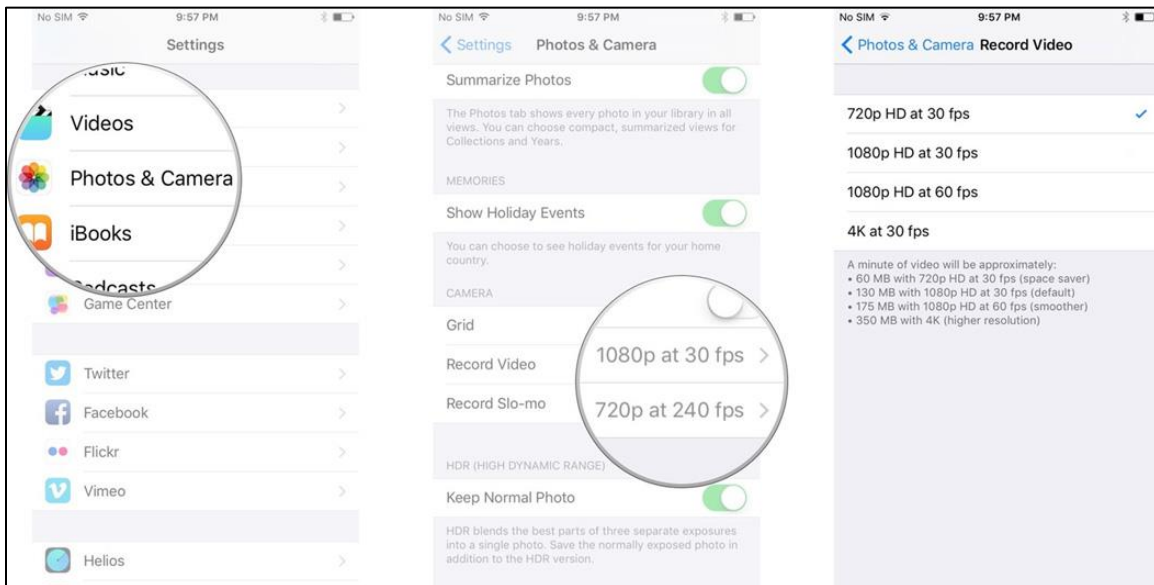
2. [Set the Resolution and Frame Rate](#)

Open “Settings” and scroll down to find “Camera.”

Inside the camera settings, go inside “Record Video” and choose the video quality option “720p HD at 30 fps”



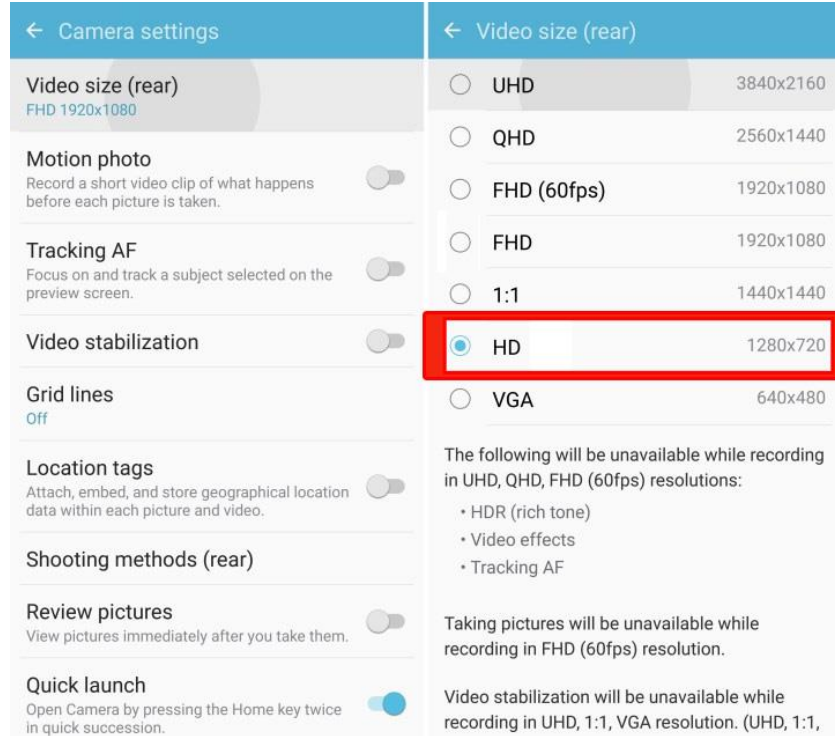
NOTE: On some older versions of iOS, the video settings are found under Photos & Camera. Before recording your video, select 720p HD at 30 fps.



How to Set Android Devices for Recording

Most Android devices will automatically record in MP4 format.

You may need to set the camera to record at HD 1280x720 resolution and 30 fps. If 30 fps is not listed, or if other frame rates are not listed, then 30 fps would be the default.



How to Set a Digital Camera for Recording

If you are using a standalone digital camera, please use your video recording software to export the recorded video in MP4 format at HD 1280x720 30 fps settings.

How to Convert Videos to MP4 Format and HD Resolution

If you have already recorded your videos in a different format or resolution, you can upload the videos to your computer and use software such as HandBrake to convert the files into the required format and resolution. The converted videos can then be uploaded to the CPDT-KSA examination system.

HandBrake is available for all computer platforms to convert video formats and resolutions. It can be downloaded from <https://handbrake.fr>

HandBrake Quick Guide: <https://handbrake.fr/docs/en/latest/introduction/quick-start.html>

NOTE: CCPDT does not endorse or guarantee HandBrake. The link is provided as an informational resource only. You are responsible for ensuring that your videos meet the CPDT-KSA examination upload requirements

Support

If you need further support with your video upload, please contact PTC Technical Support at (212) 356-0660 or submit your request through the online form at <https://ptcny.com/about#contact>

Technical Support is available Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm ET.

References

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