

Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme - Approved Assessors



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Introduction

This factsheet provides a guide to those wishing to become an Approved Assessor to assess Applicants for an adventurous activity permit. It should be read in conjunction with the factsheet FS120084 Scout Led Activities Index, and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association. More detailed information on the scheme, for Applicants, responsible Commissioners, and for each activity can be found in separate factsheets.

The Permit Scheme

The Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme is a way of ensuring that an Applicant has the skills and experience to lead an adventurous activity for a group of young people in Scouting. It is designed to be flexible, allowing each permit to be tailored based on the Applicant's skills, experience and requirements.

Approved Assessors

There are two types of Approved Assessor. They are:

- 1 **County Assessors** – Appointed by Counties to be Assessors for specific activities.
- 2 **External Assessors** – Qualified individuals external to Scouting who are used to carrying out assessments when no County Assessors are available.

How To Become A County Assessor

County Assessors are appointed by Counties through the same process as any other adult appointment. To be considered as a County

Assessor, or for renewal of a role as County Assessor, you need to fulfil the following criteria:

- 1 **Technical Knowledge** – Hold the level of qualification, or equivalent or higher, as laid down for each activity in the first table below.
- 2 **Assessment Skills** – Validate the Activity Assessor's version of module 25 of The Scout Association's Adult Training Scheme.
- 3 **Remain Up To Date** – Have attended the equivalent of at least two days of technical updates within the last five years, if your National Governing Body qualification was gained more than five years ago.

Technical Knowledge

To ensure that they have the technical knowledge required, all County Assessors are required to hold a National Governing Body Qualification. Funding is available to assist potential County Assessors in gaining the qualifications they require. Further details on this can be found on the Activities pages of ScoutBase UK.

Assessment Skills

As well as having the required technical knowledge, County Assessors also require the skills to be able to assess. This training and validation is provided through Activity Assessor's version of Module 25 Assessing Learning (Adventurous Activities) of The Scout Association's adult training scheme. Due to the modular format of the training scheme this will involve no unnecessary training courses for those who already have these skills, as validation of these skills can be done through carrying out assessments with the support of a Training

Adviser (who will quite possibly be another County Assessor).

Remain Up To Date

It is important that County Assessors remain up to date and active within their activity. To ensure that they are, all County Assessors are required to have been on at least two days (14 hours) of technical update workshops within the last five years. This figure should be seen as the minimum rather than the target. These updates can include such events as:

- Scout Association Assessor Workshops
- National Governing Body Assessor Workshops
- National Governing Body qualification revalidation events.

Abbreviations used in the following tables

ARA	Amateur Rowing Association
BASI	British Association of Snowsports Instructors
BCA	British Caving Association
BCU	British Canoe Union
BDA	British Dragon Boat Racing Association
BSAC	British Sub Aqua Club
HCGB	Hovercraft Club of Great Britain
IKO	International Kite Surfing Organisation
MIAS	Mountain Bike Instructor Award Scheme
MLTUK	Mountain Leader Training United Kingdom
NCBA	National Community Boat Association
OTC	Off Road Training Consultancy
PADI	Professional Association of Diving Instructors
RYA	Royal Yachting Association
SMBLA	Scottish Mountain Bike Leaders Association
SNSC	Snowsport Scotland

External Assessors

Where County Assessors are not available to assess an Applicant, External Assessors can be used. This is not a Scouting appointment and will generally be used for a one off assessment. Due to the fact that External Assessors are not required to do any internal training or validation of their assessment skills they are required to hold National Governing Body qualifications that include assessing training. Details of the level of qualification they are required to hold can be found in the second table below.

Useful Links

[FS120084](#) Scout Led Activities Index
(References relevant Rules and guidance)

[FS120100](#) Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme

County Assessor Qualifications

To become a County Assessor you are required to hold the National Governing Body qualification listed below, equivalent or higher:

Activity	Qualification	Organisation
Bell Boating	Bell Boat Tutor	BCU
Canoeing B1	Level 2 Canoe Coach	BCU
Canoeing B2	Level 3 Canoe Coach	BCU
Canoeing B3 – A	Level 4 Canoe Coach	BCU
Caving – No Vertical Pitches	Local Cave and Mine Leader Assessment Level 2	BCA
Caving with Ladders	Local Cave and Mine Leader Assessment Level 2	BCA
Caving with SRT	Cave Instructor Certificate	BCA
Climbing (Single Pitch) Top Rope	Single Pitch Award	MLTUK
Climbing (Single Pitch) Lead Climbing	Single Pitch Award	MLTUK
Climbing (Multi Pitch)	Mountain Instructor Award	MLTUK
Dinghy Sailing B1	Senior Sailing Instructor	RYA
Dinghy Sailing B2 – A	Senior Sailing Instructor (Coastal Endorsement where appropriate)	RYA
Dragon Boating	Coach Level 2	BDA
Hillwalking Terrain 1 & 2 Summer	Mountain Leader Award and Mountain Assessor Training Workshop	MLTUK
Hillwalking Terrain 1 & 2 Winter	Winter Mountain Leader Award and Mountain Assessor Training Workshop	MLTUK
Hovercrafting (Land)	PQS Level 1	HCGB
Hovercrafting (Water)	PQS Level 2	HCGB
Ice Climbing Instructor	Mountain Instructor Certificate	MLTUK
Kayaking B1	Level 2 Kayak Coach	BCU
Kayaking B2	Level 3 Kayak Coach (inland or sea as appropriate)	BCU
Kayaking B3 – A	Level 4 Kayak Coach (inland or sea as appropriate)	BCU
Kite Surfing	Instructor Level 2	IKO
Motor Cruising	Yachtmaster (Power)	RYA

Mountain Biking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advanced Mountain Bike Leader Award ▪ Level 3 – Advanced Skills ▪ Mountain Bike Leader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OTC ▪ MIAS ▪ SMBLA
Narrow Boating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trainer ▪ Inland Waterways Helmsman Instructor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NCBA ▪ RYA
Offshore Sailing	Yachtmaster (Sail)	RYA
Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski)	Personal Watercraft Instructor	RYA
Power Boating C – B2	Powerboat Instructor	RYA
Power Boating B3 – A	Advanced Powerboat Instructor	RYA
Pulling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ United Kingdom Coaching Certificate Level 2 ▪ Level 2 Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ARA ▪ ARA
Rafting (Traditional) B1	Level 2 Coach	BCU
Rafting (Traditional) B2 +	Level 3 Coach	BCU
Rowing and Sculling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ United Kingdom Coaching Certificate Level 2 ▪ Level 2 Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ARA ▪ ARA
Scuba Diving Sheltered Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advanced Instructor ▪ Master Scuba Diver Trainer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BSAC ▪ PADI
Scuba Diving Open Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advanced Instructor ▪ Master Instructor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BSAC ▪ PADI
Skiing On Piste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alpine Ski Leader ▪ Instructor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowsport England / SNSC ▪ BASI
Skiing Off Piste Terrain 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowsport Alpine Coach ▪ Ski Teacher (ISIA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SNSC ▪ BASI
Snorkelling Sheltered Water	Snorkel Instructor Trainer	BSAC
Snorkelling Open Water	Open Water Snorkel Instructor Trainer	BSAC
Snow Boarding On Piste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowboard Leader ▪ Snowboard Instructor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SNSC ▪ BASI
Snow Boarding Off Piste Terrain 1 & 2	Snowboard Teacher	BASI
Water Skiing	Club Coach	British Water Ski
White Water Rafting	Level 3 – Trip Leader	BCU
Wind Surfing B1	Windsurf Instructor Level 2	RYA
Wind Surfing B2 – A	Windsurf Instructor Level 3	RYA

External Assessor Qualifications

When using an External Assessor they are required to hold the qualification listed below, equivalent or higher.

Activity	Qualification	Organisation
Bell Boating	Bell Boat Tutor	BCU
Canoeing B1 – B2	Assessor Grade 3 (Canoe)	BCU
Canoeing B3 – A	Assessor Grade 4 (Canoe)	BCU
Caving – No Vertical Pitches	Cave Instructor Certificate	BCA
Caving with Ladders	Cave Instructor Certificate	BCA
Caving with SRT	Cave Instructor Certificate	BCA
Climbing (Single Pitch) Top Rope	Mountain Instructor Award	MLTUK
Climbing (Single Pitch) Lead Climbing	Mountain Instructor Award	MLTUK
Climbing (Multi Pitch)	Mountain Instructor Award	MLTUK
Dinghy Sailing	Assessor / Coach	RYA
Dragon Boating	Coach Level 3	BDA
Hillwalking Terrain 1 & 2 Summer	Mountain Instructor Award	MLTUK
Hillwalking Terrain 1 & 2 Winter	Mountain Instructor Certificate	MLTUK
Hovercrafting	Examiner	HCGB
Ice Climbing Instructor	Mountain Instructor Certificate	MLTUK
Kayaking B1 – B2	Assessor Grade 3 (Inland or sea as appropriate)	BCU
Kayaking B3 – A	Assessor Grade 4 (Inland or sea as appropriate)	BCU
Kite Surfing	Examiner	IKO
Motor Cruising	Yachtmaster Instructor / Examiner (Power)	RYA
Mountain Biking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leader Trainer Award ▪ Level 5 – Instructor ▪ Tutor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OTC ▪ MIAS ▪ SMBLA
Narrow Boating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trainer ▪ Inland Waterways Helmsman Instructor Trainer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NCBA ▪ RYA
Offshore Sailing	Yachtmaster Instructor / Examiner (Sail)	RYA
Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski)	Personal Watercraft Trainer	RYA
Power Boating C – B2	Powerboat Instructor	RYA

Power Boating B3 – A	Advanced Powerboat Instructor	RYA
Pulling	Assessor	ARA
Rafting (Traditional)	Assessor Grade 3	BCU
Rowing and Sculling	Assessor	ARA
Scuba Diving Sheltered Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advanced Instructor ▪ Master Scuba Diver Trainer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BSAC ▪ PADI
Scuba Diving Open Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advanced Instructor ▪ Master Instructor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BSAC ▪ PADI
Skiing On Piste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowsport Tutor ▪ Instructor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowsport England / SNSC ▪ BASI
Skiing Off Piste Terrain 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowsport Tutor ▪ Ski Teacher (ISIA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SNSC ▪ BASI
Snorkelling Sheltered Water	Snorkel Instructor Trainer	BSAC
Snorkelling Open Water	Open Water Snorkel Instructor Trainer	BSAC
Snow Boarding On Piste	Snowboard Instructor	BASI
Snow Boarding Off Piste Terrain 1 & 2	Snowboard Teacher	BASI
Water Skiing	Examiner	British Water Ski
White Water Rafting	Level 5 – Senior Raft Coach / Assessor	BCU
Wind Surfing	Assessor / Coach	RYA