

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 (16 hours) or 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

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| ARA | Amateur Rowing Association |
| BASI | British Association of Snowsports Instructors |
| BCA | British Caving Association |
| BCU | British Canoe Union |
| BSAC | British Sub Aqua Club |
| DBA | British Dragon Boat Racing Association |
| 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 |

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 |
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| 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 Group Climbing | Single Pitch Award | MLTUK |
| Climbing (Single Pitch) Top Rope Rope Leader | Single Pitch Award | MLTUK |
| Climbing (Single Pitch) Lead Climbing Group Climbing | Single Pitch Award | MLTUK |
| Climbing (Single Pitch) Lead Climbing Rope Leader | Single Pitch Award | MLTUK |
| Climbing (Multi Pitch) Group Climbing | Mountain Instructor Award | MLTUK |
| Climbing (Multi Pitch) Rope Leader | Mountain Instructor Award | MLTUK |
| Dinghy Sailing B1 | Senior Sailing Instructor | RYA |
| Dinghy Sailing B2 – A | Senior Sailing Instructor with Coastal Endorsement | RYA |
| Dragon Boating | Instructor Award | DBA |
| 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 |
| Ice Climbing Instructor | Mountain Instructor Certificate | MLTUK |
| Ice Climbing Rope Leader | 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 |

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| Mountain Biking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical Mountain Bike Leader Award (Level 2) ▪ Level 3 – Advanced Skills ▪ Mountain Bike Leader (Level 3) | <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 (Sail) | RYA |
| Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) | Personal Watercraft Instructor | RYA |
| Power Boating C – B2 | Powerboat Instructor Level 2 | 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 |
| 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 Personal Skiing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alpine Ski Leader ▪ Instructor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowsport Scotland ▪ BASI |
| Skiing On Piste Group Skiing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alpine Ski Leader ▪ Instructor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowsport Scotland ▪ 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"> ▪ Snowsport Scotland ▪ BASI |
| Snorkelling Sheltered Water | Snorkel Instructor Trainer | BSAC |
| Snorkelling Open Water | Open Water Snorkel Instructor Trainer | BSAC |
| Snow Boarding On Piste Personal Snow Boarding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowboard Leader ▪ Snowboard Instructor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowsport Scotland ▪ BASI |
| Snow Boarding On Piste Group Snow Boarding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowboard Leader ▪ Snowboard Instructor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snowsport Scotland ▪ 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 |
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| 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 Group Climbing | Mountain Instructor Award | MLTUK |
| Climbing (Single Pitch) Top Rope Rope Leader | Mountain Instructor Award | MLTUK |
| Climbing (Single Pitch) Lead Climbing Group Climbing | Mountain Instructor Award | MLTUK |
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| Climbing (Multi Pitch) Group Climbing | Mountain Instructor Award | MLTUK |
| Climbing (Multi Pitch) Rope Leader | Mountain Instructor Award | MLTUK |
| Dinghy Sailing | Assessor / Coach | RYA |
| Dragon Boating | Coach Award | DBA |
| Hillwalking Terrain 1 & 2 Summer | Mountain Instructor Award | MLTUK |
| Hillwalking Terrain 1 & 2 Winter | Mountain Instructor Certificate | MLTUK |
| Ice Climbing Instructor | Mountain Instructor Certificate | MLTUK |
| Ice Climbing Rope Leader | 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 |

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| Snorkelling Open Water | Open Water Snorkel Instructor Trainer | BSAC |
| Snow Boarding On Piste Personal Snow Boarding | Snowboard Instructor | BASI |
| Snow Boarding On Piste Group Snow Boarding | 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 |