

D of E Expedition Assessors

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme requirements, young people need to undertake an expedition. To facilitate the expedition assessment, Norfolk Scouts needs to have a pool of assessors operating at Bronze, Silver and Gold expedition levels.

To become an assessor, leaders need only to follow these simple steps to success...

1. DofE online account...

Contact the Norfolk Scouts DofE Lead Advisor to set-up an online account on the DofE platform.

2. DofE online training...

Sign into your account and complete the online training for the Intro and Assessor courses (also completing the e-learning for Gold if you wish to assess Gold expeditions).

3. DofE training courses...

Attend an approved DofE Assessor course. (There is no requirement for assessors to attend the Introduction or Supervisor courses, the assessor role can stand alone)

3. DofE application form...

Complete the Assessor Application Form Part A. This form is then sent, along with a passport photograph to the Norfolk Scouts DofE Lead Advisor so that information can be added to the DofE platform and a I D card can be issued.



4. Decide what level of expedition you want to assess...

You can assess at any level of the scheme or all levels of the scheme depending on your personal skills and qualifications - see award level assessment notes and tick the form.

5. Decide what mode of travel you want to assess...

You do not need to restrict yourself to only one mode of travel but must demonstrate a level of competency that is appropriate - see mode of travel notes and tick the form.

Remember: you can assess participants from other Scout Counties or even other organisations including schools.



Assessor Qualifications for Travel on Foot...

Depending on the level of the DofE scheme you want to assess, various skills levels are required:

To Assess DofE Bronze and DofE Silver

(Taking place in unfamiliar terrain, but not mountainous terrain) You do not require a specific Hill Walking qualification, but only need to have a good level of experience including: navigation, route-planning and hiking skills.

This needs to be endorsed by a written recommendation from your District Commissioner who is aware of your competence.

To Assess DofE Gold

(Taking place in wild country and also Bronze or Silver taking place in mountainous terrain)

You will need to hold a valid T1 or T2 Hill Walking Permit and provide evidence of your capability.

This needs to be endorsed by a written recommendation from your District Commissioner who is aware of your competence.

Assessor Qualifications for other Modes of Travel...

By Water – you need a permit or external qualification based on the class of water you wish to assess.

By Cycle – you need to show competence in cycle riding*

By Horse – you need to show competence in horse riding*

* a letter from a suitably qualified person would suffice.

Remember:

You do not need to hold a Hill Walking permit if you are only assessing expeditions that do not involve walking in restricted areas, however to hold a permit would be an advantage. You do not need to have a Night's Away Permit as you are not responsible for the safety or well-being of the young people, however a good knowledge of The Scout Associations Night's Away Scheme would be an advantage.

A valid First Aid Certificate is essential for all DofE Assessor roles, whatever level of expedition being assessed.

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