



EXPEDITION ASSESSOR ACCREDITATION SCHEME

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The DofE's Expedition Assessor Accreditation Scheme (EAAS) is the national training route to becoming an accredited Expedition Assessor. The purpose of the EAAS is to provide the preparation and training needed to undertake expedition assessments.

The benefits of being an Accredited Expedition Assessor. You will:

- have a clear understanding of your role and responsibilities as an Expedition Assessor.
- increase your knowledge of the Expedition section.
- have the opportunity to network with other Expedition Assessors.
- achieve a nationally recognised DofE accreditation and Expedition Assessor's ID card.
- receive a DofE Reward Card, which gives you a 20% discount off all full price items at Cotswold Outdoors (in store and online).
- have been trained to assess in a variety of situations and locations across the UK.

Becoming an Accredited Expedition Assessor

The scheme trains and accredits people who want to assess Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions in the UK.

There are a number of steps towards achieving accreditation:

1. Application

Those applying to attend an EAAS training course must be at least 18 years old. They will need to complete the DofE's online e-induction and have the 'letter of completion'.

2. Pre-course learning

Everyone will need to complete the pre-course online training module. It will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and covers the role of the Assessor, the Expedition Assessor Accreditation Scheme, the principles and practicalities of the Expedition section and a look at some of the soft skills required for the role.

Gold and Bronze/Silver Wild County Pre-course learning:

In addition, those wishing to assess Gold expeditions, or Bronze/Silver expeditions in wild country, will need to complete the Gold Expedition Assessor e-learning module. This covers wild country notifications, Assessor Networks and other areas associated with assessing at this level. All e-learning modules are available at DofEtraining.org.

3. Expedition Assessors Training Course

Complete a one day course covering all the parts of the role and responsibilities of Expedition Assessors.

4. Accreditation

After completing the EAAS course, Trainee Assessors must complete an EAAS/13 Assessor Application Form, which must be endorsed by a Licensed Organisation/Assessor Network/Approved Activity Provider. This must be completed within two years of attending the EAAS course.

Trainee Assessors must have the appropriate outdoor skills (as required by their LO/AN/AAP). For Gold only, familiarity with at least one area of Gold expedition operation is required. They must adhere to their LO/AN/AAP safeguarding policies and may require a criminal records disclosure check.

Upon accreditation Assessors will be given an ID card, certificate and ID card holder.

5: Re-accreditation

All Expedition Assessors need to be reaccredited every five years. Those who assess for more than one LO/AN/AAP will also need to register with each additional organisation.

Course information

Courses are run throughout the year by DofE Regional/Country Offices, as well as by Licensed Organisations. To find out about upcoming courses visit: DofE.org/finder. For more information on DofE training and other courses visit: DofE.org/training.