Does the residential count for your Gold programme?

This flow chart can be used by young people alone or in conversation with their DofE Leader, to help decide if their choice of residential activity can count for their Gold DofE programme. If they are using a Residential section Approved Activity Provider then their trip will meet these requirements.

1) Will you be away from home for a minimum of five days and four nights and do you have an appointed Assessor?
   - YES
   - NO

2) Will you be undertaking a specific course or shared activity where all the group share the same aim and experience?
   - YES
   - NO

3) Will it be led by an organised group, registered charity or Approved Activity Provider?
   - YES
   - NO

4) Will the activity broaden your experience and interests?
   - YES
   - NO

5) Is the group coming together for the residential no smaller than five people including you?
   - YES
   - NO

6) Is the accommodation away from home and in an environment which is unfamiliar to you?
   - YES
   - NO

7) Are evenings of the residential spent with the group, whether organised activities or socialising & cooking together?
   - YES
   - NO

8) Are you joining the residential on your own and not as part of an existing group of your friends or others you know?
   - YES
   - NO
   - If you are joining a group with a few of your friends, will there be a much larger group of people who are unknown to you on the residential?
     - YES
     - NO

9) Will you receive some training or briefing before departure?
   - YES
   - NO

10) Will the rest of the group be joining as individuals/with people they don’t know, and in an unfamiliar environment?
    - YES
    - NO

11) Is this your practice or qualifying expedition, work experience or an internship?
    - NO
    - YES

If your proposed residential meets these requirements then it should be fine to use for your DofE. Now complete number 12.

12) Your Licensed Organisation must approve the residential before you commit yourself to any expense or depart.
    - NO

Talk to your DofE Leader or Co-ordinator as this opportunity does not appear to meet the requirements of the DofE’s Residential section.