



Expedition section 20 conditions and the temporary changes

This document outlines how the temporary changes map against the Expedition section 20 conditions.

Please note: the temporary changes have been labelled below in a way that shows a 'best fit'. In many cases, the temporary changes affect more than one of the 20 conditions.

	DofE qualifying expedition conditions	Temporary changes
1	The team must plan and organise the expedition; all members of the team should be able to describe the role they have played in planning.	<i>No change</i>
2	The expedition must have an aim. The aim can be set by the Leader at Bronze level only.	<i>No change</i>
3	All participants must be within the qualifying age of the programme level and at the same Award level (i.e. not have completed the same or higher level of expedition).	<i>Bronze participants who progress to Silver will be able to use their Silver practice expedition as their qualifying expedition at Bronze (two days and two nights), enabling them to achieve both their Bronze and Silver Awards. Similarly, Silver participants who progress to Gold will be able to use their Gold practice expedition as their qualifying expedition at Silver (three days and two nights).</i>
4	There must be between four and seven participants in a team (eight for modes of travel which have tandem)	<i>No change</i>
5	The expedition should take place in the recommended environment.	<i>We have relaxed the rules around recommended environments, so participants don't have to leave their local area to complete an expedition – for example, Gold expeditions are able to take place outside of wild country.</i>
6	Accommodation must be by camping or other simple self-catering accommodation (e.g. camping barns or bunkhouses).	<i>Whilst campsites remain closed and shared indoor accommodation may not be available (or your centre may not allow their use), teams at all Award levels will be allowed to return home to sleep during their expedition. They should, however, still plan and cook their meals as a team,</i>

		<i>and of course meet the minimum hours of planned activity during each day.</i>
7	The expedition must be of the correct duration and meet the minimum hours of planned activity	<i>No change</i>
8	All expeditions must be supervised by an adult (the Expedition Supervisor) who is able to accept responsibility for the safety of the team.	<i>No change</i>
9	Assessment must be by an accredited Assessor. At Bronze level only, the Assessor may also be the Expedition Supervisor	<i>Expedition Assessors for Silver and Gold levels can temporarily be known to the group (this includes helping run the DofE group, or supporting expedition training) – although they must still be an Accredited Assessor.</i> <i>As practice expeditions are not under qualifying conditions, combined expeditions do not require an Accredited Expedition Assessor but we recommend that an Assessor is present if possible.</i>
10	Expeditions will usually take place between the end of March and the end of October. They may take place outside this period, if so, non-camping accommodation options should be considered.	<i>No change</i>
11	Participants must be adequately trained to safely undertake a remotely supervised expedition in the environment in which they will be operating.	<i>No change</i>
12	All expeditions must be by the participants' own physical effort, without motorised or outside assistance. Mobility aids may be used where appropriate to the needs of the participant.	<i>Leaders can use motorised transport to take participants to the start point of their route and pick them up at their end point.</i>
13	All expeditions must be unaccompanied and self-sufficient. The team must be properly equipped, and supervision must be carried out remotely.	<i>No change</i>
14	Teams must possess the necessary physical fitness, first aid and expedition skills required to complete their expedition safely	<i>At Silver and Gold level, practice expeditions and qualifying expeditions can be delivered 'back to back'.</i>
15	Groups must adhere to a mobile phone use policy as agreed with their Expedition Supervisor and Assessor. This agreement should also include use of other electronic equipment.	<i>No change</i>

16	Participants must behave responsibly with respect for their team members, Leaders, the public and animals.	<i>No change</i>
17	Groups must understand and adhere to the Countryside /Scottish Outdoor Access, Highway and Water Sports Codes (as appropriate).	<i>No change</i>
18	Participants must plan an appropriate expedition menu, including cooking and eating a substantial hot meal on each day. This is optional on the final day.	<i>No change</i>
19	Participants must actively participate in a debrief with their Assessor at the end of the expedition.	<i>No change</i>
20	At Silver and Gold level, a presentation must be prepared and delivered after the expedition.	<i>No change</i>