



EXPEDITION ASSESSOR AND SUPERVISOR TRAINING COURSE

Course aim:

To equip Expedition Assessors and Supervisors with the practical knowledge and understanding of the principles and conditions of the Expedition section to ensure participants enjoy a safe and high-quality expedition.

What will you cover during the course?

- The aims of a DofE expedition and how this is underpinned by the 20 conditions of the Expedition section.
- The roles that adults play in the Expedition section and how they work in partnerships.
- What Expedition Assessors and Supervisors need to do prior to, during and after an expedition.
- The responsibilities of Expedition Assessors and Supervisors in relation to handling emergencies and safeguarding incidents.
- The skills and behaviours desirable for successful and proactive Expedition Assessors and Supervisors.
- Next steps, and the Expedition Assessor Accreditation Scheme.

Following the course, you will benefit from

- Having a clear understanding of the Expedition Assessor and Supervisor roles, and their key tasks.
- Knowing how to complete a supervision plan and apply the appropriate levels of supervision for expeditions.
- Knowing how to complete the steps of assessment and ensure the 20 conditions of the Expedition section are met.
- The opportunity to progress through the route to accreditation to assess expeditions.
- Achieving a nationally recognised certificate of attendance.

Course requirements and delivery

Delegates must be at least 18 years old before applying to attend the EASTC. Prior to attending the course, delegates must complete the e-Induction and Introduction to the Expedition Section and Roles elearning modules available from DofEtraining.org.

The EASTC does not train potential Assessors or Supervisors in the technical expedition skills required for these roles, or on how to organise an expedition or train expedition groups. Delegates should consider if their outdoor experience matches the requirements of their Licensed Organisation or Approved Activity Provider as authorisation for the Assessor and Supervisor role is based on LO/AAP endorsement.

The EASTC is the equivalent of a one-day two-session course which can be delivered over one day or split over two days. The course has an individual activity task which will be set for delegates to complete between sessions one and two.

Following the course, trainee Assessors will complete the EASTC Knowledge Check module and progress through the Expedition Assessor Accreditation Scheme steps within two years of attending the EASTC. The steps include registering with and gaining official endorsement from an LO or AAP who will confirm their safeguarding and technical competence requirements have been met before submitting the application. The final step to gaining accreditation is authorisation by a DofE Region/Country Office, or UKS for NOAs and AAPs, on checking the application.

Course information

Courses are run throughout the year by DofE Regional/Country Offices, as well as by some Licensed Organisations. To find out about upcoming dates and prices in your area visit: DofE.org/finder. For more information on DofE training and other courses visit: DofEtraining.org. The EASTC webpage is DofE.org/eastc.