THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Developing young people for life and work

Doing your DofE with DofE Direct

Information for young aspiring professionals

DofE.org

A life-long adventure...

**The DofE is a real adventure from beginning to end.
It doesn't matter who you are or where you are from.**

What's involved?

You can achieve a Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award by completing a personal programme with a variety of activities. Make a change to your community by volunteering, develop your skills, increase your physical fitness, explore the mountains in your expedition and make friends with the residential section.

Each of these sections varies in duration but you get to choose the lengths of your Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections.

What is DofE Direct?

DofE Direct is a way to complete your DofE programme independently without belonging to an organisation that runs the DofE.

DofE Direct runs through eDofE, the DofE's online system where you can add a range of evidence to reflect your efforts throughout your programme all the way up to completion.

You will be supported throughout your programme by a Leader via phone, emails and the eDofE messaging system.

Universities and employers are looking for more than just good academic grades. If you want to stand out from the crowd then extra evidence of progression and attainment is key. A Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a great way of adding to your employability and to your transferable skills.

DofE Direct is solely for those aged 18+ wanting to achieve their Gold Award.

At a cost of £50 you could dramatically improve your employability and career prospects for the future and stand out from the crowd on your CV.

What are the benefits?

Take a look for yourself at what some of the biggest companies have to say about achieving a Gold DofE Award.

"Employers want to employ DofE Award holders because they are good for business and so help the nation become more successful."

Lord Digby Jones, Former Trade Minister and DG of CBI

CBI THE VOICE OF BUSINESS

"Barclays is committed to supporting employability of young people. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award encompasses many of these principles promoting resilience, self-assurance and drive."

Sharon Gillam, Group Head of Resourcing and Graduates

BARCLAYS

"When we see a Gold Award on a CV, we know we will be meeting candidates who show focus and commitment and these are qualities we prioritise."

Liv Garfield, Chief Executive Severn Trent plc

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"In a very competitive job market it is increasingly important that an individual finds a way to stand out from the crowd, not just in terms of their academic qualifications but also in terms of their personal character. A DofE Award is a sign of someone who has drive, energy, resourcefulness and compassion – qualities that will help them succeed in life and in the workplace. It is in our view a real positive."

Adam Crozier, Chief Executive ITV

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DofE Direct step-by-step

1	**Fill in the application form by going to DofEDirect.org and click the red [sign up] tab.** Complete the form and you will receive a call from one of our DofE Leaders who will process your payment and set up your eDofE account to begin your programme.
2	**Have a conversation with your Leader**, via email or phone to discuss what you have in mind for your sections.
3	**Begin your sections** and be sure to upload evidence and Assessors' Reports. Remember that your sections are your responsibility to organise but be sure that your Leader knows so that they can approve it.
4	**Once you have completed** all of your sections your Leader will go through your submissions and then forward your account to an independent verifier who approves the Award if evidence is sufficient.
5	**For Gold** you will receive your congratulations letter and badge in the post and you will be invited to a Gold Award Presentation to receive your certificate.

Completion

Once you've completed your programme and it has been approved you will receive a congratulations letter and a badge/brooch to remember your achievement by.

You will be invited to a Gold Award Presentation where you will receive your certificate. This is an amazing event where you have the opportunity to meet a member of the Royal Family as well as listen to our high profile guest speakers. This day is a great occasion to meet other participants who have achieved a prestigious Gold Award just as you have.

Any questions?

If you have any questions that the website does not answer, please contact **DofEDirect@DofE.org**.

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