

## What more do I need to do to get the President's or Queen's Badge?

You can get your President's Badge from year 4 in the Discover programme. To achieve this in addition to your DofE Bronze Award, you must also:

- Complete a Christian Faith development course.
- Have a good attendance for one session.
- Be recommended by your Company Captain.
- Participate in a 'Building your Skills' course.

You can get your Queen's Badge (the highest BB Award) from year 6 by completing your Physical, Skills and Expedition sections of your Silver DofE programme and also:

- Holding the BB President's Badge.
- Attending the appropriate Queen's Badge meetings and courses.
- Doing additional voluntary service.

## Getting started

<b>Step 1</b>	Decide which level of DofE programme you would like to do (this will depend on your age, time commitments etc).
<b>Step 2</b>	Talk to your Company Captain/Company DofE Leader and arrange to register to do your DofE programme. You'll receive a <i>Welcome Pack</i> and eDofE account.
<b>Step 3</b>	Decide with your leader what you are going to do for each section of your DofE programme.
<b>Step 4</b>	Get started! Don't forget to record what you are doing on eDofE and ask people (your Assessors) to sign off each section as you complete it.
<b>Step 5</b>	Once your DofE programme is complete, submit your Award for approval in eDofE to your Company Captain/Company DofE Leader who will arrange for you to receive your certificate and badge.

## How long will it take?

The time it will take to complete your programme and achieve an Award is in many ways down to you. The minimum time for each section is given in months. The shortest amount of time in which you could complete your Bronze programme is six months; your Silver, six months; and your Gold, 12 months (direct entrants will take longer). During your programme you'll need to do each activity for an average of an hour a week over this time. Don't forget – you have until your 25th birthday to complete any programme and achieve an Award!

## Why do both?

Why not? You can gain twice the recognition for your efforts and both are recognised by employers, colleges and universities. See [www.DofE.org/go/employability](http://www.DofE.org/go/employability).

## Find out more...

Talk to your Company Captain or Battalion DofE Co-ordinator to get more information and take a look at [www.boys-brigade.org.uk](http://www.boys-brigade.org.uk) and [www.DofE.org](http://www.DofE.org).



# Working together



A guide to running DofE programmes in The Boys' Brigade



## What is the DoFE and why should I get involved?

The concept of the DoFE is simple – anyone aged 14 to 24 can do a programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Because DoFE programmes are all about getting out there, having fun and self development, everyone can achieve something. You'll find yourself helping people or the community, getting fitter, developing skills, going on an expedition and taking part in a residential activity (Gold only).

## How do the activities overlap?

The Boys' Brigade awards can be achieved through working on your DoFE programme. Many activities in the Discover and Challenge Plus programmes are a great basis to start your DoFE sections. Find out more below.



## What do I need to do to achieve my DoFE Award?

A DoFE programme is made up of four sections (five at Gold). Over the required time you'll need to do each activity for an average of an hour a week. You'll need to show persistence, commitment and personal development. It's not something that can be achieved in a short burst of enthusiasm.

## Bronze (14+ years old)

This table shows how you can achieve your Bronze DoFE Award alongside your Boys' Brigade awards and activities.

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
3 months	3 months	3 months	Plan, train for and complete a 2 day, 1 night expedition
You must also undertake a <b>further</b> three months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.			
Complete one or more topics from the Discover Programme 'Community Zone' over a period of three months. <b>OR</b> Complete the non-residential 'Building Skills Zone' over a period of three months.	Complete the Discover Programme 'Recreation & Leisure Zone' over a period of three months.	Complete one or more topics from the Discover Programme 'Skills Zone' over a period of three months.	Introduction via topics from the Discover Programme Recreation Zone: Outdoor and Adventure;
You must undertake a <b>further</b> three months of appropriate topics in the Community, Recreation or Skills zones.			

## Silver (15+ years old)

This table shows how you can achieve your Silver DoFE Award alongside your Boys' Brigade awards and activities.

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition
6 months	One section for 6 months and the other section for 3 months	Plan, train for and complete a 3 day, 2 night expedition	
If you have not achieved your Bronze Award you must undertake a <b>further</b> six months in either your Volunteering or the <b>longer</b> of your Physical or Skills sections.			
Complete one or more topics from the Challenge Plus Programme 'Community Zone' over a period of six months. <b>OR</b> Complete the non-residential 'Skills for Queens' Badge' course and six months practical service in the B.B. or your Church.	Complete one or more topics from the Challenge Plus Programme 'Recreation & Leisure Zone' over a period of three months.	Complete one or more topics from the Challenge Plus Programme 'Skills Zone' over a period of three months.	Queen's Badge Expedition.

## Gold (16+ years old)

This table shows how you can achieve your Gold DoFE Award alongside your Boys' Brigade awards and activities.

Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition	Residential
12 months	One section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months	Plan, train for and complete a 4 day, 3 night expedition	Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights	
If you have not achieved your Silver Award you must undertake a <b>further</b> six months in either your Volunteering or the <b>longer</b> of your Physical or Skills sections.				
Complete one or more topics from the Challenge Plus Programme 'Community Zone' over a period of 12 months. <b>OR</b> Complete a Youth Leader skills course and 12 months practical service in the B.B. or your Church.	Complete one or more topics from the Challenge Plus Programme 'Recreation & Leisure Zone' over a period of six months.	Complete one or more topics from the Challenge Plus Programme 'Life Skills Zone' over a period of six months.	Look at <a href="http://www.boys-brigade.org.uk">www.boys-brigade.org.uk</a> for open gold expeditions.	The following are suitable examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The BB KGV Leadership Training course.</li> <li>- Being a leader at a BB Camp of a different Company to your own.</li> <li>- Volunteering at a festival.</li> <li>- Attending a conference on a topic associated with a Challenge Plus topic.</li> </ul>