

British Canoeing Coach Award

Advice for Coaches who are part way through British Canoeing Level 2 or Moderate/Advanced Water Endorsements

Introduction

British Canoeing Level 2, Moderate Water Endorsement (MWE), Advanced Water Endorsement (AWE) Training and Assessment will stop running on 31st December 2017. Coaches on these pathways will transfer to the new Coach Awards, released 1st January 2018.

Please see Home Nation Association Websites for full details of the Coach Awards.

Coach Award Face-to-Face Training

If you have completed British Canoeing Level 2 (UKCC) training, or MWE/AWE training you will be able to transfer to the Coach Award Assessment (in the same discipline). You will not be required to complete additional face-to-face training, but you may have other assessment prerequisites to complete (see overleaf). Your training can be at any point in the past, the expiry is not considered.

There are two face-to-face components to the Coach Award Training. Whilst you do not have to attend these, they are open to you if you think they would help your development. You may be considering a new discipline or are hungry for some more learning in your current discipline.

Core Coach Training: The only prerequisite to the Core Coach Training is Full Home Nation Association Membership. All coaches are encouraged to access (or repeat) this course to enhance their learning, or as a refresher, or to reignite progress if it needs a boost.

Discipline Specific Coach Training: Training courses in all of our main disciplines are available. These are open to coaches with Full Home Nation Association Membership and, for some disciplines, a relevant Leadership Award (these are listed in the Coach Award Course Guide). It is designed to be attended after the Core Coach Training, but this discipline specific coach training will be accessible to you if you have completed one of the following training or assessment courses instead:

- British Canoeing Level 2 (UKCC) Training OR Assessment
- British Canoeing MWE or AWE Training OR Assessment (in any discipline)
- British Canoeing Level 3 (UKCC) Core Training OR Assessment (in any discipline)

Coach Award Assessment

If you are looking to progress to the Coach Award assessment, you are required to have completed the Coach Award assessment prerequisites. Overleaf are details of these requirements and any acceptable alternatives that may be relevant to you.

You will also need to complete the additional tasks in your preparation for Assessment. This includes an Assessment Discussion Task, Logbook of Experience, and Home Nation Association Assessment Check In. You are required to take these to your assessment, further details are provided on page 3.

The final practical assessment includes assessment of your practical Coaching, Safety and Rescue Skills; supplemented with professional discussion and questioning. Further details are available in the Coach Award Course Guide, Assessment Day Pack and Assessment Guidance.

Alternative Assessment Prerequisites

Please see British Canoeing Coach Award Course Guide for full details of Assessment Prerequisites.

Assessment Prerequisites	Acceptable Alternatives
Coach Award Core Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Canoeing Level 2 (UKCC), Training OR Assessment British Canoeing MWE or AWE, Training OR Assessment British Canoeing Level 3 (UKCC) Core Training OR Assessment
Coach Award Discipline Specific Training:	
Sheltered Water	4-day Level 2 (UKCC) Training
Open/White Water Canoe	MWE Canoe Training OR Level 3 Canoe Award (Pre-UKCC)
Sea Kayak	MWE Sea Training OR Level 3 Sea Award (Pre-UKCC)
Surf Kayak	MWE Surf Training OR Level 3 Surf Award (Pre-UKCC)
White Water Kayak	MWE WWK Training OR Level 3 Inland Kayak Award (Pre-UKCC)
The Advanced Water Training Courses	AWE Training (in the same discipline)
Slalom	Slalom Discipline Support Module Part-2
Racing	Sprint Discipline Support Module Part-2
Freestyle, Polo, Wild Water Racing	n/a
Coach Award eLearning	British Canoeing Level 2 Workbook *
Evidence of registration	<p>If you have valid registration for British Canoeing Level 2, MWE, AWE this needs to be transferred to Coach Award registration. This can be done on request to your Home Nation from 1st November 2017. This will provide access to the Coach Award eLearning.</p> <p>Otherwise you will need to register for the Coach Award.</p>
Relevant Leadership Award (as applicable)	<p>The requirements for all of these are detailed in the Coach Award Course Guide.</p> <p>There are no significant differences from the Level 2/MWE/AWE requirements.</p>
Valid First Aid Training	
Safeguarding Training	
Full Home Nation Association Membership	
Aged 16 or over (18 for Advanced Options)	

* The British Canoeing Level 2 Workbook can be used as an alternative to the Coach Award eLearning only whilst your Level 2 Training remains valid. This is normally 12 months, unless an extension has been granted. If you are using your completed Level 2 Workbook in place of the Coach Award eLearning, you will need to take it your Assessment. We do recommend all coaches access the Coach Award eLearning; this is a targeted resource to support your learning in the key topic areas.

Additional Requirements for Assessment

Unlike the current Level 2, MWE and AWE there is no Portfolio requirement for the Coach Award Assessments. Whilst there is a reduction in the paperwork evidence required, the practical coaching experience remains critical to your coach development and the process currently required of Level 2, MWE and AWE remain of significant value and relevance.

You will need to take the following evidence to your Coach Award assessment:

1. Completed Assessment Discussion Task

It is important that you are able to design coaching activities that meet the needs of the paddlers you are coaching. As you gain more and more experience, you will start to build your repertoire of progressions that you will then be able to use to adapt to different individual circumstances. The assessment discussion task aims to help you through this process and opens up an opportunity for you to discuss and share your thinking with your assessor.

All coaches need to complete this task. You can use your Level 2 Portfolio Coaching Case Study (or the required six session plans/reviews for MWE or AWE) if they are based in the relevant discipline/environment. These should provide the information required to answer the specific questions identified in the task. The task is detailed in the Coach Award Assessment Day Pack available on your Home Nation Association website.

2. Logbook of Experience

Quality experience is critical to underpin your leadership and coaching decisions. It is important that you build up a relevant and adequate experience base upon which to draw upon and support your decision making process.

We suggest that candidates who are successful at assessment normally have a minimum of 15 quality progressive technical/tactical coaching sessions delivered in the specific environment. Candidates who are successful at assessment normally have well in excess of the minimum requirements, although this will heavily depend on other skills/experience they bring to the table.

At assessment you need to show that you have relevant and adequate experience to support your decision making process. You are required to bring a logbook of your experience to assessment. You can supplement this with any other supporting evidence as you wish, for example session plans/reviews, etc.

Further details are available in the Coach Award Assessment Day Pack.

3. Evidence of Home Nation Association Assessment Check In

Once you have all of the assessment prerequisites in place, you need to complete 'Assessment Check In' with your Home Nation. This free of charge 'peace of mind' service will confirm you have all of the assessment prerequisites. You will receive confirmation to show your assessor; this must be taken to Assessment.