



HAMPSHIRE SCOUTS



## D of E Supervisors and Assessors

### Supervisors

The role of the supervisor is to be responsible for the safety of the team during the expedition and to ensure the safety rules of the Scout Association are followed. During the practice expedition they are also responsible for assessing the group as ready to undertake the qualifying venture.

Supervisors therefore need to have the appropriate:

- Technical competence in the mode of travel and expedition skills.
- Skills of working with groups of young people to ensure their safety.
- Knowledge of the D of E expedition section and role of a supervisor.
- Knowledge of the Scouting Policy, Organisation and Rules.

Districts are responsible for approving people to undertake this role and the District Commissioner is responsible for approving all activities. The ACC (D of E) can provide advice and support to Districts on request to assist with this process.

Training is run for Expedition Supervisors in the form of a one day Expedition Supervisor Course. Hampshire Scouting runs a weekend which also includes the getting started and assessor course plus expedition skills e.g. stove safety.

**Technical Competence** means the relevant knowledge about the following topics to the level required for the D of E expedition (see the Expedition Training Framework and expedition guide):

- First Aid and emergency procedures
- Awareness of healthy and safety, including risk assessment
- Navigation and route planning
- Compass skills
- Practical map skills
- Campcraft, equipment and hygiene (inc. Stove Safety)
- Food and cooking
- Countryside, highway and water codes
- Proficiency in the mode of travel

Where the expedition is terrain one or two (e.g. Dartmoor, Lake District) or uses another mode of transport (e.g. Kayaking) then the supervisor must hold an adventurous activity permit in accordance with POR [www.scouts.org.uk/POR](http://www.scouts.org.uk/POR).

Supervisors will usually hold a lightweight nights away permit. (If this is not the case, then a passport must be issued to the group by a permit holder who has assessed them as competent).

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## Skills of working with groups of young people to ensure their safety

The supervisor needs to:

- Hold an appointment with Scouting and have completed their application.
- Hold a current CRB/DBS check.
- Know about the Young People First Guidance and who to contact
- Know about the Safety in Scouting Guidance and complete risk assessment
- Understand the in touch system

## Knowledge of the D of E Expedition Section and Scouting Rules

- Understand the different levels of supervisor (direct, close, remote) and when to use them. Have a flexible supervision plan to ensure the safety of the group.
- Understand the notification requirements (e.g. green forms) for ventures in wild country.
- Know the requirements of the expedition section and the 20 conditions.
- Before the expedition, ensuring a pre expedition check is carried out including checking essential safety equipment and waterproofs. Also ensuring the rucksack is <25% of bodyweight.
- During the expedition ensuring the team meet the 20 conditions, stay together, can demonstrate they can navigate, camp, have the fitness, know emergency procedures and knowledge of the country code and give advice as needed.
- Ensure water is provided where required en route.
- Carry out a debrief at the end of the practice expedition.
- Know the relevant rules of POR with regard to the activity.
- Know the responsibility of completing Nights Away Notification Form for approval of expeditions.

## Assessors

Assessors need to have the same skills as per supervisors above and need to hold the a D of E Accredited Assessor status. This is achieved by:

- Attendance at a one day course
- Sign off of technical competence
- Completion of supported assessment

You are then an accredited Bronze/Silver or Gold Trainer.

You must be competent in the mode of transport you are assessing i.e. to assess a kayaking expedition you must hold the relevant Scouting permit.

You can upgrade from Bronze/Silver to Gold if you gain the relevant technical competence e.g. hill walking permit without repeating a supported assessment.

For more advice please contact Mike Baxter (as below).

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