

# Mountain Leader Training's Further Awards



Winter Mountain Leader  
Mountain Instructor Award  
European Mountain Leader  
Mountain Instructor Certificate

## The Winter Mountain Leader Award ML(W)

The qualification for those who wish to lead walking group in the hills and mountains of the UK and Ireland under winter conditions.

- Group leadership
- Security on steep ground
- Snow and avalanche
- Cold weather injuries
- Navigation
- Winter weather
- Snow holes and emergency shelters
- Ice axe and crampon skills
- Expedition skills



## The Mountain Instructor Award MIA

The scheme is for individuals teaching and leading mountaineering, rock climbing and related activities.



- Problem solving & rescue
- Coaching, teaching & instructing skills
- Multi-pitch rock climbing
- Scrambling & mountaineering
- Mountain environment
- Teaching navigation
- Risk assessment & management
- Assessment skills (for working on national & local schemes)
- Combined water/rock activities

## The European Mountain Leader Award EML

The professional qualification for individuals who wish to lead walking parties within the European Community. Designed for leading walks in mountain areas that are neither glaciated nor require the techniques of climbing or Alpinism.

- Weather, environment & culture
- Search & rescue
- The remit of the award
- Steep ground, rope work & fixed eqpt.
- Marketing & business planning
- Communications
- Anatomy & physiology
- Professionalism, law & legal liability
- Navigation using unfamiliar maps and altimeters



## The Mountain Instructor Certificate MIC

The scheme is for individuals teaching and leading winter mountaineering, snow and ice climbing and related activities.



- Snow & Ice Climbing
- Winter Mountaineering
- Coaching, Teaching & Instructing
- Problem solving & rescue
- Assessment skills
- Avalanche

## The Stages in the Schemes

### ML(W)

**EXPERIENCE**  
Obtain necessary awards and gain relevant personal experience.

Hold the Mountain Leader Award.  
Have an absolute minimum of 20 quality winter days in at least three mountain areas of the UK and Ireland.  
Be well practised in the skills of personal movement in the mountain in winter conditions.

### REGISTRATION

Register for the specific award by submitting the appropriate application form and non-refundable application fee. On acceptance receive scheme documentation and a logbook.

### TRAINING

Attend a training course.

6 day training course or apply to MLTS for exemption.

### CONSOLIDATION

Gain further experience based on personal feedback from training course

Log an absolute minimum of 40 quality winter days, at least 50% of which should be in Scotland.  
Log a minimum of 10 winter climbs of Grade I or more.

### ASSESSMENT

Pass the assessment course.

5 day assessment course, based in Scotland

### MIA

Hold the Mountain Leader Award  
Confidently lead multi-pitch VS climbs and have substantial climbing experience.  
Post ML; have completed 20 quality mountain days in sole charge leading a mixed ability group.  
Provide a list of 30 significant multi-pitch rock climbs at VS 4c or above, led or alternatively led in 3 main areas of the UK or Ireland.

9 day training course

12 month consolidation period or apply for exemption from MLTUK  
20 more quality mountain days in sole charge of a mixed ability group  
20 more days teaching rock climbing  
20 more multi-pitch climbs at VS 4c or above

5 day assessment course, based in N. Ireland, Scotland or Wales

### EML

Hold the Mountain Leader Award.  
Have registered for the Winter Mountain Leader Award and attended a Winter ML training course or gained exemption from training.  
Have substantial European Walking experience and provide a list of 14 days logged Continental walking.

4 day UK training course to include a navigation speed test  
1 day navigation test (Winter ML holders exempt)

Act on Action Plan developed during EML training course

5 day European based assessment course

### MIC

Hold the ML(W) & MIA  
Confidently lead multi-pitch Grade III winter climbs and have substantial winter climbing and mountaineering experience.  
Post Winter ML; have completed 20 quality winter mountain days in sole charge of a mixed ability group.  
Provide a list of 30 significant multi-pitch winter climbs of Grade III or above, led or alternatively led in 3 main areas of the UK or Ireland.

5 day training course.

10 days in the mountains managing parties in winter conditions  
5 days climbing experience at Grade III or above

4 day assessment course based in Scotland

A valid first aid certificate is required for all assessment courses

Continue to log personal and leadership experience.

Mountain Leader Training Scotland administers the Winter Mountain Leader Award. Mountain Leader Training UK administers the Mountain Instructor Award, the European Mountain Leader Award and the Mountain Instructor Certificate. An appropriate officer in Mountain Leader Training considers each higher-award application to ensure that individual candidates meet all the pre-requirements. The acceptance or rejection of an application to register on the higher-award schemes is based on specified criteria. Please note that the application fee to register is non-returnable.

Please find enclosed the registration form relating to your specific enquiry plus additional information sheets.

Application forms should be completed and returned with the relevant fee to the appropriate Board (see below):

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For Winter ML



MLTS

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For European ML, MIA and MIC



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The British Association of European Mountain Leaders is the professional association representing individuals in the UK who achieve the required standard to be European Mountain Leaders. Affiliate membership is available to registered candidates; trainee membership is open to anyone who has completed the training course; full membership is open to EML Award holders. For further details visit [www.baeml.org](http://www.baeml.org) or telephone 01690 720272.



The Association of Mountaineering Instructors is the representative body of professionally qualified mountaineering instructors in the UK. Trainee membership is open to anyone who has completed the MIA training and full membership is open to MIA and MIC holders. For further details visit [www.ami.org.uk](http://www.ami.org.uk) or telephone 01690 720314.



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