

# Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme



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## Introduction

This factsheet provides a general overview to the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme. It should be read in conjunction with the factsheet FS120084 Scout Led Activities Index, and Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) of The Scout Association. More detailed information for Applicants, Approved Assessors, responsible Commissioners, and for each activity, can be found in separate factsheets.

## The Permit Scheme

The Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme is designed to show that all those leading adventurous activities for young people within Scouting have the skills, experience and personal suitability to do so. It is designed so that it can be tailored to be as flexible as possible, while at the

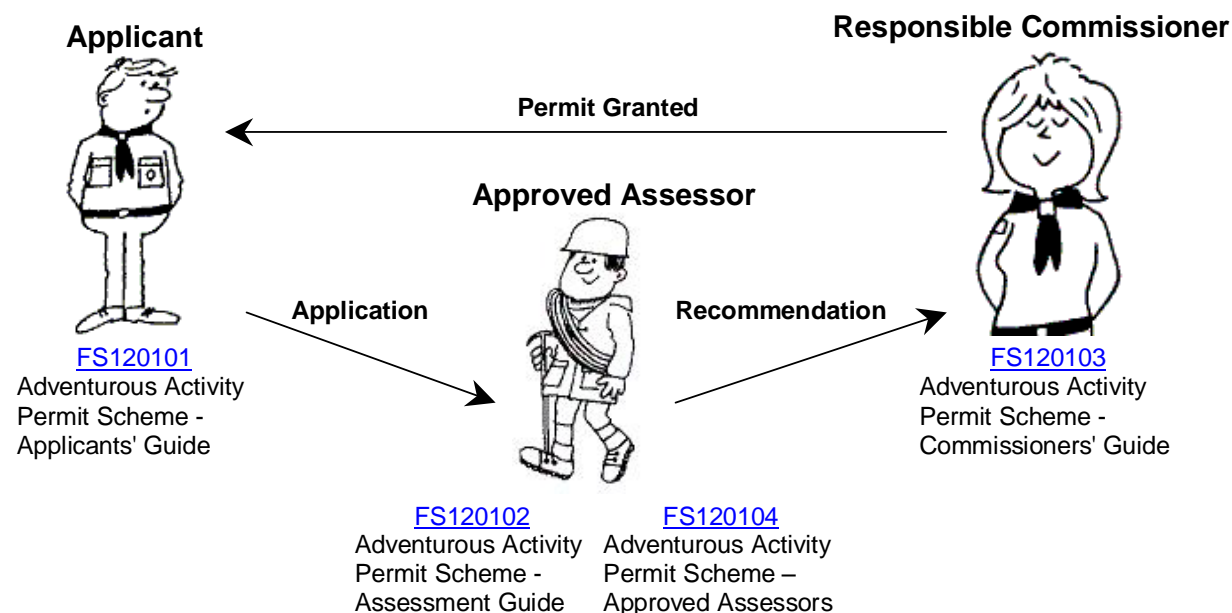
same time providing a robust checking process for leaders in adventurous activities. The permit should be seen as an enabling device to show a person's competence and provide reassurance to parents of the young people.

## What Is The Permit Scheme?

Everyone who leads an adventurous activity for young people within Scouting is required to hold an activity permit for that activity. (Different Rules apply when using external providers.) Details of which activities are classed as adventurous can be found in POR.

Although managed locally, the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme is a national scheme, so once gained, a permit will allow you to run that activity in any District or County.

## How The Scheme Works



## The Scout Information Centre

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The person who grants a permit is your responsible Commissioner. This will be your District Commissioner if you have a Group or District appointment, and your County Commissioner if you have a County appointment.

A responsible Commissioner can only grant a permit on the recommendation of an Approved Assessor (see FS120104 Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme – Approved Assessors). To fulfil this role Counties may appoint County Assessors for each adventurous activity, or it is possible to use a suitably qualified External Assessor. The Approved Assessor will provide the responsible Commissioner with a recommendation based on either a practical assessment based on the relevant Assessment Checklist (in most cases), or through looking at the qualifications, logged experience and past permits of an Applicant.

A permit is time limited up to a maximum of five years at which point it expires. If you wish to continue leading the activity for young people you will need to apply for a new permit. However if the new permit is to exactly the same level as the old permit and you have been active within your activity, there may be no need for a practical assessment. That decision is up to the Approved Assessor.

There is no prerequisite training required to gain any permit, so as long as you can show that you are to the required level of technical competence and experience, it does not matter how you reached that level. However many people will have either undertaken training accredited by National Governing Bodies, be regular participants, or have obtained experience through a club. Experience gained as a young person is also valid. There are also no age limitations to gaining a permit, so as long as the Applicant has the skills and experience required, it is quite feasible for a young person to gain a permit.

## What Is Assessed?

There are four areas assessed to gain a permit:

- 1 Technical Competence** – This is assessed by the Approved Assessor and looks at the specific technical skills required to run the activity. It is usually assessed through a practical assessment.
- 2 Scout Association Rules** – This can be assessed by either a County Assessor, or the responsible Commissioner when using an External Assessor. It looks at whether the Applicant is aware of the activity Rules and how they affect the activity within Scouting.
- 3 Child Protection** – This will be carried out by the responsible Commissioner and ensures that the necessary Personal Enquiry checks have been carried out and the appropriate child protection training has taken place.
- 4 Personal Suitability** – This is carried out by the responsible Commissioner, often in conjunction with a Group Scout Leader or similar, to check the Applicant is suitable (in terms of attitude) to be leading an adventurous activity for young people.

## Useful Links

[FS120084](#) Scout Led Activities Index  
(References relevant Rules and guidance)

[FS120101](#) Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme  
- Applicants' Guide

[FS120102](#) Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme  
- Assessment Guide

[FS120103](#) Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme  
- Commissioners' Guide

[FS120104](#) Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme  
– Approved Assessors

## Activity Permit List

This is a list of all the adventurous activity permits that it is possible to gain. Each type of permit can be further tailored through restrictions as required and competence allows.

Bell Boating Lead B1	Mountain Biking Lead T2 Winter
Bell Boating Lead B2 +	Mountain Biking Supervise T1 Summer
Bell Boating Supervise B1	Mountain Biking Supervise T2 Summer
Bell Boating Supervise B2 +	Mountain Biking Supervise T1 Winter
Canoeing Lead B1	Mountain Biking Supervise T2 Winter
Canoeing Lead B2	Narrow Boating Lead C
Canoeing Lead B3	Narrow Boating Lead B1
Canoeing Lead A	Narrow Boating Lead B2 +
Canoeing Supervise B1	Offshore Sailing Lead B1
Canoeing Supervise B2	Offshore Sailing Lead B2
Canoeing Supervise B3	Offshore Sailing Lead B3
Canoeing Supervise A	Offshore Sailing Lead A
Caving Lead - No Vertical Pitches	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Lead C
Caving Lead with Ladders	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Lead B1
Caving Lead with SRT	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Lead B2
Climbing and Abseiling (Single Pitch) Rope Leader Top Rope	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Lead B3
Climbing and Abseiling (Single Pitch) Rope Leader Lead Climb	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Lead A
Climbing and Abseiling (Single Pitch) Group Climbing Top Rope	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Supervise C
Climbing and Abseiling (Single Pitch) Group Climbing Lead Climbing	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Supervise B1
Climbing and Abseiling (Single Pitch) Supervise Top Rope	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Supervise B2
Climbing and Abseiling (Single Pitch) Supervise Lead Climbing	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Supervise B3
Climbing and Abseiling (Multi Pitch) Rope Leader	Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Supervise A
Climbing and Abseiling (Multi Pitch) Group Climbing	Power Boating Lead C
Dinghy Sailing Lead B1	Power Boating Lead B1
Dinghy Sailing Lead B2	Power Boating Lead B2
Dinghy Sailing Lead B3	Power Boating Lead B3
Dinghy Sailing Lead A	Power Boating Lead A
Dinghy Sailing Supervise B1	Power Boating Supervise C
Dinghy Sailing Supervise B2	Power Boating Supervise B1
Dinghy Sailing Supervise B3	Power Boating Supervise B2
Dinghy Sailing Supervise A	Power Boating Supervise B3
Dragon Boating Lead B1	Power Boating Supervise A
Dragon Boating Lead B2 +	Pulling Lead B1

Dragon Boating Supervise B1	Pulling Lead B2 +
Dragon Boating Supervise B2 +	Pulling Supervise B1
Hillwalking Lead T1 Summer	Pulling Supervise B2 +
Hillwalking Lead T2 Summer	Rowing and Sculling Lead
Hillwalking Lead T1 Winter	Rowing and Sculling Supervise
Hillwalking Lead T2 Winter	Scuba Diving Lead Sheltered Water
Hillwalking Supervise T1 Summer	Scuba Diving Lead Open Water
Hillwalking Supervise T2 Summer	Skiing Personal Skier On Piste
Hillwalking Supervise T1 Winter	Skiing Lead On Piste Group Skiing
Hillwalking Supervise T2 Winter	Skiing Lead Off Piste Terrain 1
Ice Climbing Rope Leader	Skiing Lead Off Piste Terrain 2
Ice Climbing Group Climbing	Skiing Supervise On Piste
Kayaking Lead B1	Skiing Supervise Off Piste Terrain 1
Kayaking Lead B2	Skiing Supervise Off Piste Terrain 2
Kayaking Lead B3	Snorkelling Lead Sheltered Water
Kayaking Lead A	Snorkelling Lead Open Water
Kayaking Supervise B1	Snowboarding Personal Snowboarder On Piste
Kayaking Supervise B2	Snowboarding Lead On Piste Group Snowboarding
Kayaking Supervise B3	Snowboarding Lead Off Piste Terrain 1
Kayaking Supervise A	Snowboarding Lead Off Piste Terrain 2
Kite Surfing Lead B1	Snowboarding Supervise On Piste
Kite Surfing Lead B2	Snowboarding Supervise Off Piste Terrain 1
Kite Surfing Lead B3	Snowboarding Supervise Off Piste Terrain 2
Kite Surfing Lead A	Water Skiing Lead C
Kite Surfing Supervise B1	Water Skiing Lead B1
Kite Surfing Supervise B2	Water Skiing Lead B2 +
Kite Surfing Supervise B3	White Water Rafting Lead
Kite Surfing Supervise A	Wind Surfing Lead B1
Motor Cruising Lead C	Wind Surfing Lead B2
Motor Cruising Lead B1	Wind Surfing Lead B3
Motor Cruising Lead B2	Wind Surfing Lead A
Motor Cruising Lead B3	Wind Surfing Supervise B1
Motor Cruising Lead A	Wind Surfing Supervise B2
Mountain Biking Lead T1 Summer	Wind Surfing Supervise B3
Mountain Biking Lead T2 Summer	Wind Surfing Supervise A
Mountain Biking Lead T1 Winter	