

Adventurous Activities



Permit Scheme Launch





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Background to Review

- Uniform system
- Enabling device
- Ensure robustness
- Reduce bureaucracy

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Uniform system

Both nationwide and across different activities.

Ensures it is a true national scheme so permits gained anywhere can be used anywhere.

Shares good practice across all activities.

Enabling device

Allows Leaders to run activities for their young people without the time and money constraints of gaining professional qualifications as long as they have the necessary skills.

Is flexible to allow Leaders to run activities to the level they are at.

Ensure robustness

Ensures that only those Leaders with the necessary skills are running adventurous activities.

Reduce bureaucracy

Remove the barrier of unneeded paperwork and signatures.

Make the scheme available on line where it is feasible.



Review Process

- Two year process
- Initial announcement to the Movement
- Contact with NGBs
- Discussion with user groups
- Engagement with National Activity Advisers
- Consultation document available to all
- Committee agreement

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Two year process

Lead by a volunteer Project Leader – Gareth Beynon

Initial announcement to the Movement

Through various media, including Talking Points, ScoutBase UK and Activities News.

Asked everyone for their thoughts, views and ideas.

Contact with NGBs

All relevant NGBs were advised at all stages of consultation throughout the review.

Discussion with user groups

Including Communication and Consultation days, visits to groups of interested parties.

Engagement with National Activity Advisers

Meetings with all National Activity Advisers to find their views and thoughts.

Discussions at various National Activity Team meetings.

Consultation document available to all

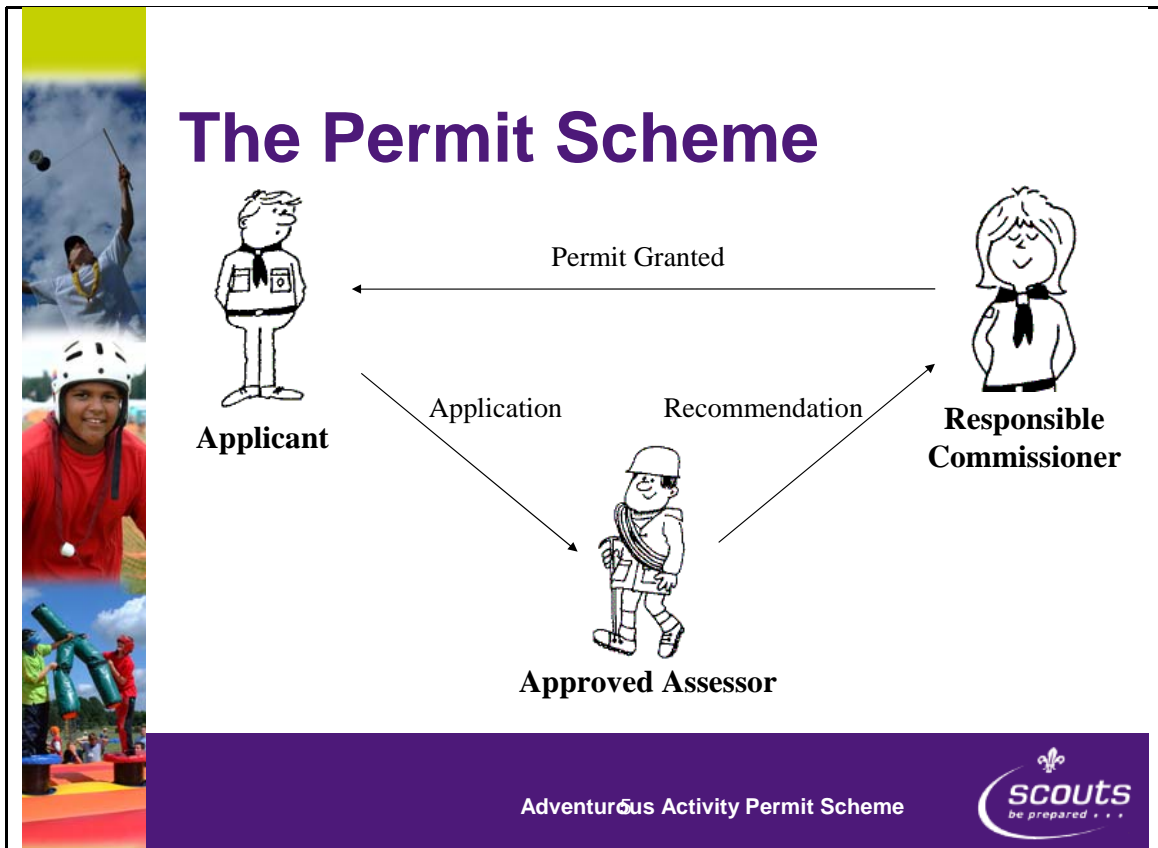
Document explaining the thoughts and predicted recommendations based on the initial consultation.

Available on ScoutBase UK for everyone to see and comment on.

Committee agreement

Recommended changes agreed by the Programme & Development sub-Committee.

All recommendations were based on the consultation document and the feedback received from this document.



Application

Applicant can find an Assessor through:

- Their own County / ACC(A).
- Any other County – database being worked on on ScoutBase UK to promote these courses.
- External Assessor – possibly a commercial provider.

Application goes direct from Applicant to Assessor.

Online application form that can be emailed is available.

Assessment

Four areas of assessment:

1. Technical Competence

Assessed against the published assessment checklist.

Approved Assessor has a number of tools to use including; practical assessment, looking at other awards held, looking at logged experience.

County Assessors need to remain up to date in their activity by attending technical workshops.

County Assessors need to have assessment skills as well as technical skills. This is done through validating Module 25 – Assessing Learning (Adventurous Activity Assessors). Validation is done through carrying out two assessments.

Approved Assessor provides a recommendation on the checklist back page based on the assessment. This is given back to the Applicant.

2. Knowledge of Scout Association Rules

Assessed either by a County Assessor or responsible Commissioner or their nominee.

3. Child Protection

Checked by the responsible Commissioner.

4. Personal Suitability

Checked by the responsible Commissioner.

Permit Granted

Permit granted by the responsible Commissioner based on the recommendations.

Expiry date no longer than five years after permit granted.

Can not grant a higher level or more flexible permit than has been recommended.

Permit card filled in and given to the Applicant.

Permit recorded on Membership Services database (aiming to have this facility available by Feb 2006).



Summary of Changes

- Permit rather than authorisation scheme
- Checklist for assessment provided
- Applicants can find Assessors nationwide
- External Assessors can be used
- More support for Assessors
- Recognition of prior learning

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Permit rather than authorisation scheme

Identifies that the process is formal

Removes any confusion between approval and authorisation.

Checklist for assessment provided

All Assessors assess off the same syllabus to a national standard.

Applicants can see what is being assessed before the assessment.

Applicants can find Assessors nationwide

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External Assessors can be used

Applicants from Counties without many Assessors can still gain permits.

Encouragement for Assessors to work together rather than lots of one to one assessments in the same area.

More support for Assessors

Assessor workshops for updating and peer support.

Encouragement for Assessors to work together.

Single checklist to show what they are assessing.

Recognition of prior learning

Ensures those with existing qualifications and awards have this recognised during the assessment process.



Summary of Changes 2

- No formal training required
- First aid for the activity not the permit
- Permits with restrictions give flexibility
- Permits recorded on Membership Services
- Air activities not included

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No formal training required

Removes barriers for leaders wishing to gain permits while a robust assessment ensures only those with the skills required are able to lead these activities.

First aid for the activity not the permit

Means that leadership roles can be shared out with one person holding the activity permit and another holding the first aid.

Permits with restrictions give flexibility

Allows leaders to lead activities up to their level of experience and skills rather than waiting until you reach the next stepped level.

Permits recorded on Membership Services

Allows communication with all permit holders.

Provides information nationally and locally on what permits are held.

Air activities not included

External requirements mean that a permit scheme for air activities gives no benefits.



Resources

- Permit scheme factsheets
- Assessment checklists
- Activity factsheets
- ScoutBase UK assessment database
- Permit card
- Online application form

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Permit scheme factsheets

One about the permit scheme.

One for Applicants.

One for Commissioners.

One about Approved Assessors.

One about assessments.

Assessment checklists

One for each type of permit.

Includes all the details of what needs to be assessed.

Activity factsheets

One for each activity explaining the types of permits that can be gained and what each allows.

ScoutBase UK assessment database

Working on a database that will allow Counties and Districts to promote assessment courses they are running, and allow Applicants to search for suitable courses.

Permit card

Available from the information centre to give to each permit holder.

Includes room for details such as activity, expiry date and restrictions.

Online application form

Allows it to be filled in online and emailed to an Assessor to save postage, losing applications in the post etc.



Roll Out

- Information packs to CCs/DCs/ACC(A)s
- Announcement to Movement
- Local implementation date
- Fully implemented by Sep 2007

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Information packs to CCs/DCs/ACC(A)s

Information sent to Commissioners a week before announcement to give them time to look at local implementation.

Announcement to Movement

Information and resources available on ScoutBase UK for everyone to see.

Promotion that this information is available through various media.

Local implementation date

Counties can decide when to implement the updated permit scheme in place of the existing authorisation scheme.

Fully implemented by Sep 2007

All Counties to be using the updated permit scheme by Sep 2007.

All existing authorisations continue until their expiry date. Reassessed under the updated scheme when they expire.



Local Implementation

- Communicate the changes
- Provide support to Leaders
- Provide opportunities for Leaders

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Communicate the changes

Ensure that all Leaders and Members are aware of the changes to the scheme.

Communicate the reasons for, and benefits of, the changes.

Provide support to Leaders

Promotion of opportunities.

Financial support for training and assessment.

Provide opportunities for Leaders

Look at providing assessment courses for adventurous activities.

Look at providing training courses for adventurous activities.

Look at providing taster and beginner days for Leaders to try some of the activities.