

# Scouting Skills Activities - Permission to Operate & SAIT National Accredited Training Pathways

## Minimum requirements

To allow your Youth members to participate in Adventurous Activities the Leader of the activity needs to hold a current permission to operate in the relevant activity. If the Activity has a high level of associated Risk, a **SAIT Accredited Guide Level or higher SAIT Activity Accredited Qualification** is required.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What Level should I hold to run an activity?

- Level 2 or higher is required to run a water activity (ie Flatwater canoe & kayak, sailing in light conditions).
- **SAIT Accredited Guide Level or higher SAIT Activity Accredited Qualification** is required to run a Rock related activity including Caving.
- To carry out bushwalks in intermediate environments i.e. on rough tracks or off track, Bushwalking Level 2.

### 2. I want to take my Scouts bushwalking along the Coastal Track.

You need to hold a current Level 1 Bushwalking (formed or designated tracks), CoAL and a current First Aid Certificate.



### 3. I want to take my Scouts Canoeing on Tallowa Dam.

You need to hold a current Level 2 Canoeing (Level 1 Canoeing allows you to participate NOT run the activity), CoAL and a current First Aid Certificate.



### 4. I want to take my Scouts Abseiling on Natural or Artificial surfaces.

You need to hold as a minimum a current **SAIT Accredited Guide Level** in Natural Abseiling or in Artificial Abseiling, CoAL and a current First Aid Certificate.



### 5. How do I achieve a Guide Level or higher qualification for any activity skill?

- You need to be assessed as competent for the specific skill through the completion of the relevant skill SAIT Accredited Training Pathway. Upon achieving competence you can be also recommended with the endorsement of the State Chief Commissioner to be appointed as a State Guide or National Instructor.

# Scouting Skills Activities - Permission to Operate Pathway

## Apply

- You must be a current Scout member
- Submit an L1 form (you can download the form from <http://www.nsw.scouts.com.au/leaders/scouts-nsw-forms> ) to Scouts NSW Training Department to participate in the relevant Scout Skills course OR
- You can apply for a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and current competence through either your RC(ATD) or contact Scouts NSW Training Department [training@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:training@nsw.scouts.com.au).

## Course/RPL

- Attend the relevant course and complete the specific Scouting Skills workbook(s) and provide a current activity log.
- This will then be assessed and the participant will be deemed proficient or not yet proficient.
- Please keep your Scouting Skill workbook(s) as these can be used as primary evidence for the SAIT Accredited Training Pathway, if you wished to apply.

## Post Course

- The successful participant will receive a Certificate of Completion. This gives you your permission to operate in the relevant activity discipline.
- This will be recorded on your ScoutLink training record.

## Maintaining Currency

- You must continue to maintain a current log book which records details of the minimum annual requirements refer to the "Currency guidelines" below.

# SAIT National Accredited Training Pathway

## Apply

- You must have a current Scout membership number
- To request a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) workbook, please email [training@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:training@nsw.scouts.com.au) and specify which activity skill set or qualification, or business qualification, you would like to apply for.

## RPL Kit

- The RPL Kit will consist of:
  - The nominated Skills workbook(s)
  - Enrolment form/s
  - SAIT Privacy Consent form
  - SAIT Candidates Information Guide
  - Apply for a USI number [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au)

## Assess

- Once completed please return the:
- The nominated Skills workbook(s).
- Scouting Skill workbook(s) as evidence if you are applying for an RPL for an Activity.
- Leadership workbook(s) as evidence if you are applying for an RPL for Business
- Enrolment form/s
- USI number
- SAIT Privacy Consent form to be assess by our SAIT Assessor.

## Payment

- If successful, a call for payment will be made by the Scouts NSW Training Department and a receipt will be sent to the candidate in the mail.

## Statement

- The successful candidate will receive a Statement of Attainment or a Certificate in the mail sent directly from Scouts NSW Training Department. Results will be recorded on the candidate training history.

## Appointment & Maintaining Currency

- You must continue to maintain a current log book which records details of the minimum annual requirements refer to the "Currency guidelines" below.

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## Annual Currency Guidelines for either Scouting Skills or SAIT National Accredited Training Pathways

Level 1	Level 2	Guide	Instructor
2 Activity Days	3 Activity Days	4 Guiding Days	2 Instructional Days (VET Courses) 2 Guiding Days
	1 Rescue Skills Day	1 Rescue Skills Day	1 Rescue Skills Day
	First Aid (provide First Aid) current HLT unit – and /or CPR Refresher (HLT unit)	First Aid (provide First Aid) current HLT unit – and /or CPR Refresher (HLT unit)	First Aid (provide First Aid) current HLT unit – and /or CPR Refresher (HLT unit)
		1 Guide Development Day	1 Instructor Development Day

### General

- A day is regarded as 6 hours effort and a half day as 3 hours effort.
- Two half day activities make up one full day activity.
- An instructional activity day must involve personal participation in the activity.
- Each of the five aspects of registration must be completed annually (i.e. instructional days, guide activity days, rescue skills days, first aid and/or CPR currency, and instructor development days).
- No activity day can count more than once in any one activity area (i.e. a rescue skills practice day cannot also be counted as an instructional day or guide activity day in the same activity area).
- At least two instructional days in every three years must be on level 2 courses in the activity area.
- Instructor development days may include conferences, workshops, training courses relating to instructing skills in activity area, delivery of Adventurous Activities Skills (Common Core) courses.
- A conference or workshop that relates to more than 1 activity area may be counted for each relevant activity area.

### Double entries

If a person was Canyoning and had a reasonable walk into the canyon and there were a few abseils it would be OK for the member to enter the activity into their Bushwalking log, Canyon log and Abseil log for the 1 activity.

### Development & Rescue Skills Days

Development Days can be training courses, Trade shows, ORIC Conferences, or any type of event where you are developing you knowledge, skills, in the adventurous activity area.

Rescue Skills Days would normally be a practical exercise in your given activity field e.g. abseil rescue/recovery/haulage systems/ water z rescues/ training events, industry demonstration in new equipment or techniques