

# Assessors & Supervisors

## What is an Assessor?

Assessors are a suitably skilled, experienced and/or qualified Volunteer who can assist with and assess an activity being undertaken for a Section (Physical Recreation, Skills, etc), of a Participant's Award and completes a report in the Participant's Records to verify that they have achieved the requirements for their nominated Section of The Duke of Ed. In most circumstances an Assessor must not be a family member. Internationally, an Assessor is also referred to as an Activity Coach. In some instances, a Participant will require more than one Assessor per Section to ensure that each activity has been completed.

## Who can be an Assessor?

Assessors must have experience and/or qualifications in the activity chosen by the young person. They must be suitably skilled to assess a Participant's activity, write a report at the completion of that activity, and sign off the Participant's records to verify that the Participant has achieved the requirements of The Duke of Ed.

**In most circumstances, an Assessor should not be a family member.** An Assessor can assess more than one Participant. They may also be qualified to assess across multiple activities and/or sections. Please note that an Award Leader can also be an Assessor.

All assessors working with young people under the age of 18 must comply with Government legislation concerning Working with Children.

All Assessors are approved by the Participant's Award Centre before they can commence working with the Participant. Generally, Participants and Award Leaders are jointly involved in finding Assessors, however it is the responsibility of Award Leaders to check all Assessors, ensure they are suitable and then to approve them. In some circumstances, an Award Leader, on behalf of their Award Centre, may create an approved pool of approved Assessors for popular activities previously undertaken by their Participants.

As an Award Assessor, you play a crucial role in the success of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. Your role is to engage with Participants of Award, and offer guidance, mentoring and encouragement as they undertake the Section of Award that you are assessing. You are one of a huge team of over 600 volunteers assisting Award participants around China. Assessors are provided with briefing information and details of the requirements for the section that they are assessing is available in the Award Handbook.

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## Supervisors

Supervisors are volunteers who play a critical role in implementing and overseeing the arrangements concerning the safety of Participants when they are undertaking their Adventurous Journeys.

The Supervisor can be a different person for each journey, and there can also be more than one Supervisor for each journey. In most circumstances, a Supervisor should not be a family member.

It is the responsibility of The Award Leader, on behalf of their Award Centre, to approve Supervisors and ensure they are suitable.

[Refer to the Handbook for Supervisors and Chapter 6 for Adventurous Journey Supervision](#)  
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