

Changes to the King's Scout Award



June 2024

The purpose of this was to make it more accessible, easier to understand and to reduce the time between a young person submitting the award and receiving confirmation of completion. We hope that these changes will ensure more young people are able to understand the requirements and that no young person currently working towards their KSA won't be able to achieve it as a result. In short, it's just a case of which log book and requirements to use.

Updated requirements

Table 1 outlines the changes to the requirements, with what was required previously, and how young people can achieve their awards going forward.

Implementing the changes

The changes will come into effect on the 7th June 2024. At this point the website will be updated to reflect the new requirements, logbook and checklist.

What does this mean for young people who are already working towards their awards?

- Anyone who is **24 or younger on or after 2nd June 2024**, please follow the requirements on this page.
- Anyone who is **24 or turned 24 before 1st June 2024**, you can follow the requirements on this page but you're able to follow the old requirements for the award.

Logbook

There are now two versions of the log book and young people will need to make sure they're using the correct version. These correlate to the criteria above:

- When young person is following the post 01/06/24 KSA criteria – **anyone 24 or younger on or after 2 June 2024**
This will be the logbook linked on the [King's Scout Award webpage](#).
- When young person is following the pre 01/06/24 KSA criteria – **anyone 24 or older before 1st June 2024**
*This will be accessible from the [King's Scout Award webpage](#) but **won't** be the main one linked. Please follow the link to the old requirements page.*

The **new** logbook will be required for any submissions after the **8th June 2024** as this is when the changes take effect from. We appreciate there may be some young people ready to submit so please support them to update their logbooks.

If you have questions about anything mentioned please [complete this form](#) and someone will be in touch.

Table 1

| | Previous requirement | Updated requirement |
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| Nights Away | Complete 18 nights away as an Explorer Scout, Scout Network Member, or adult volunteer, of which at least 12 must be camping. | Complete 24 nights away as an Explorer Scout, Scout Network Member, or adult volunteer, of which at least 12 must be camping. |
| | <p>Nights away used for this requirement must be different from nights away undertaken for one of the five challenge activities (such as expedition and residential) or those used for the ICV list but can include those nights away used for the nights away requirement of the Chief Scout's Platinum or Chief Scout's Diamond Awards.</p> <p>Nights away undertaken as an Explorer Scout Young Leader or by Scout Network members who are also an adult leader in Scouting may count towards this requirement, i.e. a night away with a Cub Pack where you volunteer.</p> | Any nights away can count for this section, whether used in another part of this award, or to count towards the Chief Scout Platinum or Chief Scout Diamond Award. |
| Presentation sign-off | <p>You must make a presentation to a suitable audience, covering all elements of your KSA, with the aim of inspiring and motivating others to achieve the award.</p> <p>This section must be signed off by a Commissioner (this can be any Commissioner of any level).</p> | <p>The presentation section of the Award can be signed off by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District or County Explorer Scout/Scout Network Commissioner/Adult volunteers in the District or County 14 – 24 Team • Youth Commissioner/Youth Lead • District, County, Region or Area Commissioner/District, County, Region or Area Lead Volunteer • King's Scout Award Coordinator/District, County, Region or Area Programme Team Member <p>We'd suggest this is different to the Award Mentor, and we'd recommend inviting a District or County Team member to attend the presentation too.</p> |
| Commissioner approval | Once you have completed all of the above requirements, a Commissioner (appropriate to the section you're a member of) must approve your | Completed forms can be signed off by a County or Region Lead Volunteer , or any of the following roles: |

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| | <p>award as complete by filling out the 'Commissioner approval' section of the using the KSA Logbook and Completion form.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Explorer Scout/Scout Network Commissioner/County level 14-24 Team Leaders • County, Region or Area Skills Instructor/County, Region or Area Programme Team Leader • County, Region or Area Commissioner/County, Region or Area Team Leader • King's Scout Award Coordinator/King's Scout Award Adviser/Volunteers with a 'King's Scout Award Parcel Recipient' accreditation |
| <p>Expedition environment</p> | <p>Undertake training, a practice expedition and a four-day, three-night self-led final expedition, including a project. You should undertake training to show you are ready to do your expedition, a practice expedition and then the final expedition.</p> <p>Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a minimum three-day, two-night (consecutive) self-led expedition in wild country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat, or dinghy. <p>Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a four-day, three-night (consecutive) self-led expedition with an aim. The expedition should be completed in wild country by the same method used in your practice. Expeditions should have a minimum of eight hours of activity per day, of which at least half must be journeying. The final expedition must be undertaken in a different area to the practice with similar conditions, and ideally with the same team of people. | <p>Undertake training, a practice expedition and a four-day, three-night self-led final expedition, including a project. You should undertake training to show you are ready to do your expedition, a practice expedition and then the final expedition.</p> <p><i>The expedition environment chosen must become progressively more challenging through the award levels – environments could include rural, urban, or restricted spaces.</i></p> <p>Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a minimum three-day, two-night (consecutive) self-led expedition by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat, or dinghy. <p>Final</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a four-day, three-night (consecutive) self-led expedition with an aim. The expedition should be completed by the same method used in your practice. Expeditions should have a minimum of eight hours of activity per day, of which at least half must be journeying. The final expedition must be undertaken in a different area to the practice with similar conditions, and ideally with the same team of people. |