



Scouting Skills Activities: Permission to Operate and 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, **Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) accredited Guide level or higher SAIT activity accredited qualification** is required.

Frequently Asked Questions

What Level should I hold to run an activity?

- Level 2 or higher is required to run water activity (i.e. 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.



I want to take my Scouts bushwalking along the formed/coastal track.

- You must have completed Basic Outdoor Skills (BOS), CoAL and a current First Aid Certificate.

I want to take my Scouts canoeing on Tallowa Dam.

- You need level 2 canoeing (level 1 canoeing allows you to participate NOT run the activity), CoAL and a current First Aid Certificate.



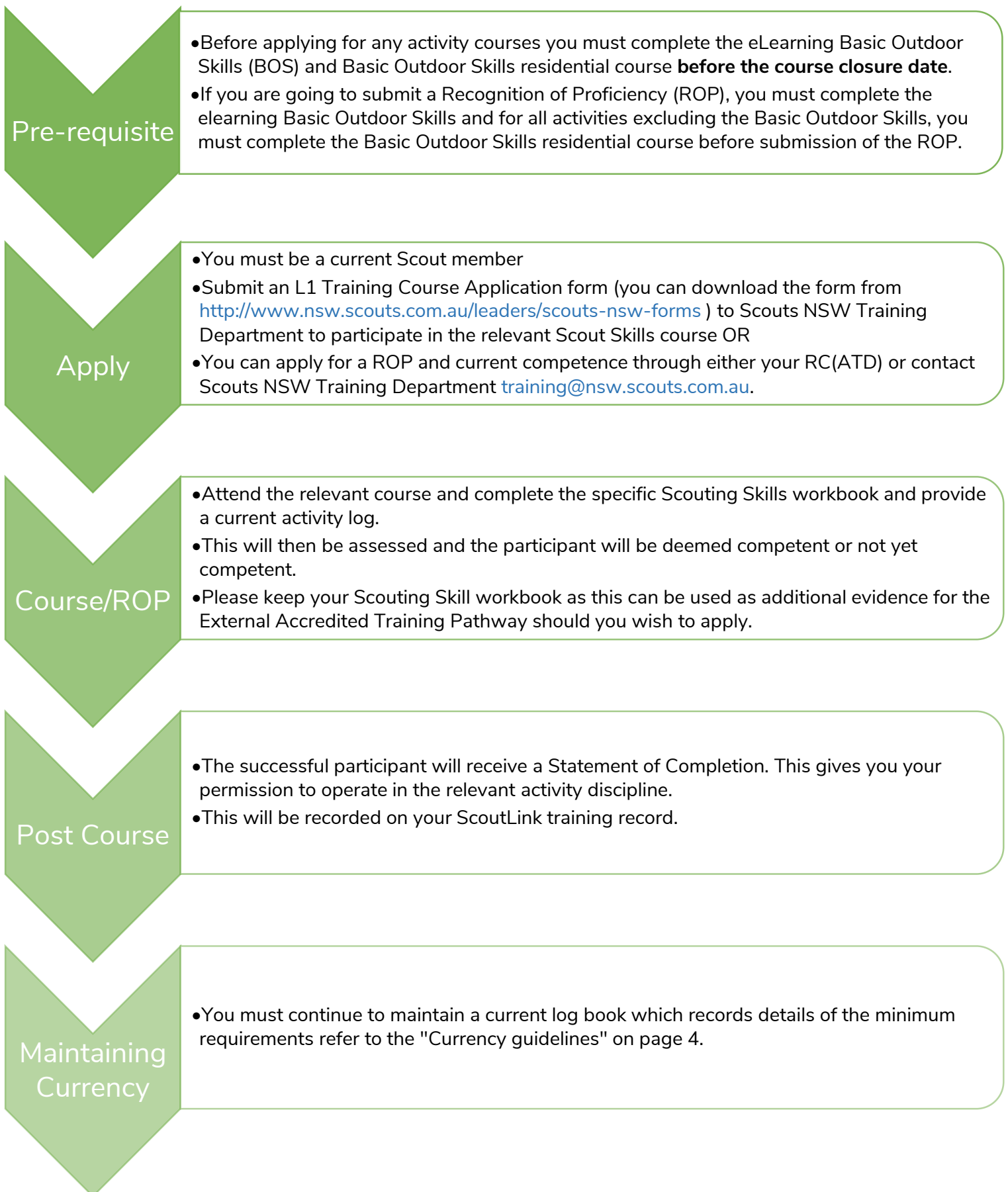
I want to take my Scouts Abseiling on natural or artificial.

- 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.

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 also be 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



Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) National Accredited Training Pathway

Apply

- You must have a current Scout membership number
- Must have completed the eLearning Basic Outdoor Skills if wanting adventurous activity qualification and the Basic Outdoor Skills residential course.
- If you are interested in applying, please email training@nsw.scouts.com.au and specify which activity and qualification you would like to apply for.

Enrol

- Complete an SAIT Enrolment Form dispatched by the Training Services Team at State Office and submit the Form electronically to training@nsw.scouts.com.au or mail to Scouts NSW State Office.
- The Training Services Team will enrol member and appoint a SAIT Assessor to the member.
- Required workbooks are sent out to the enrolled member for completion and evidence compilation.

Assess

- Once evidence compilation is completed, please return the nominated SAIT RPL workbook and portfolio of evidence to training@nsw.scouts.com.au.

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.

Maintaining Currency

- You must continue to maintain a current log book which records details of the minimum requirements refer to the "Currency guidelines" on page 4.

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 – and /or CPR Refresher (HLT CPR 201A)	First Aid (Provide First Aid) current HLT – and /or CPR Refresher (HLT CPR 201A)	First Aid (Provide First Aid) current HLT – and /or CPR Refresher (HLT CPR 201A)
		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 your 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 rescues/ training events & industry demonstration in new equipment or techniques