

Paddlesport Performance Awards: BCU Star Tests & BCU Paddlepower Trainer and Assessor Guidance:

This document outlines what NEW Star Award Training and Assessment courses current BCU coaches can register to deliver, and which coaches can access training / assessment in order to work towards gaining assessor status

Registration: Only Coaches who have registered and been accredited as Star Award Trainer/Assessors will be able to run these new awards. A form for coaches to register as Star Award Trainers and Assessors will be available to download from the BCU website from 30th June 2007.

New Award Title		Current coaches who can register as new Star Award Assessors:	Current coaches who can access training / assessment to gain assessor status:
Paddlesport Start Paddlepower Start		Any BCU Level 1 coach ¹	
Paddlepower Passport & 1 Star		Any BCU Level 2 coach ¹	
Paddlepower Discover		Any BCU Level 2 coach ¹	
2 Star		Any BCU Level 2 coach ¹ with kayak and canoe 2 star ²	
Paddlepower Explore Paddlepower Excel		Any BCU Level 2 coach with support from a discipline specific coach/s	
3 Star	3 Star White Water	BCU Level 3 inland kayak coach	
	3 Star Canoe	BCU Level 3 canoe coach	
	3 Star Sea	BCU Level 3 sea coach	
	3 Star Surf	BCU Level 3 surf coach	
4 Star	4 Star White Water Leader	BCU A4 inland assessor	BCU Inland Level 3 & 5 Star ³
	4 Star Canoe Leader	BCU A4 canoe assessor	BCU Canoe Level 3 & 5 Star ³
	4 Star Sea Leader	BCU A4 sea assessor	BCU Sea Level 3 & 5 Star ³
	4 Star Surf Leader	BCU A4 surf assessor	BCU Surf Level 3 & 5 Star ³
5 Star	5 Star White Water Leader	BCU A5 inland assessor	BCU Inland Level 5 ³
	5 Star Canoe Leader	BCU A5 canoe assessor	BCU Canoe Level 5 ³
	5 Star Sea Leader	BCU A5 sea assessor	BCU Sea Level 5 ³
	5 Star Surf Leader	BCU A5 surf assessor	BCU Surf Level 5 ³

Notes:

- ¹ This includes BCU coaches from recreational / competitive disciplines, and the Placid Water scheme.
- ² Placid Water Level 2 Coaches are exempt from the requirement to hold BCU kayak and canoe two star as they have equitable standards built into the Placid Water Level 2 Award. (Work is in progress to establish how non-paddling coaches may also be able to assess the 2 star, further details will be available by the 1st August 2007).
- ³ A programme of training, development and assessment is accessible for coaches who meet these requirements. Details of this programme will be available from the BCU website by 1st August 2007.

BCU 3, 4 and 5 Star Assessments, and 4 and 5 Star Training may be subject to the BCU Quality Assurance process. To assist with this the BCU / Home Nation Coaching Body require notification of all 4 and 5 Star training and assessment courses in order that Quality Assurance visits / inspections can be arranged where required. Notification procedures and Quality Assurance assessment criteria will be communicated to coaches when they register as Trainers/Assessors.

Training on how to assess the Paddlesport Start Award, One and Two Star will be available as an option through the regional update programme for those coaches who wish to access it.