

Australian Learning and Qualification Program

Outdoor Modules -

Your Questions Answered

Camping and Expedition Modules

In Feb 2014, the AALP FD Outdoor modules for Camping and Expeditions were replaced with new ALQP modules.

Published in two booklets and available on the GGA website here <http://www.girlguides.org.au/leaders-and-volunteers/australian-learning-qualification-program/outdoor-modules.html>, there are five camping and expedition modules:

- Indoor camps
- Outdoor camps in established campsites
- Outdoor camps in bush campsites
- Expeditions in controlled environments
- Expeditions in wilderness environments.

The ALQP modules look different to the AALP ones.

The modules have been written in a similar style to the new Qualification Passports with spaces to write and have activities signed. The module activities are based on the things you actually have to do to lead a camp or expedition safely and deliver the AGP outdoors.

Who can assess them?

Outdoor Skills Assessors can assess for the same module that they hold. Outdoor Skills Assessors are appointed by the State Outdoor Activities Manager after recommendation by the Region Manager (or her nominee). To be eligible for appointment as an Outdoor Skills Assessor, a Leader/Manager must have held the module for 2 years and been the Leader in Charge of at least four camps. Of course, both her first aid and the module must be current too.

I'm ready to be assessed. How do I arrange that?

When you complete the *OUT1 Camp Notification /Application*, tick the box marked assessment and forward to the District Manager. She will follow-up when she receives your form. (Depending on the state procedures, she may organise the Assessor herself, refer it to the Outdoor Activities person on the Region Team or forward the request to the State Outdoor Activities Manager). Make sure you allow plenty of time for that.

What if I'm half way through the old one?

Complete the module and assessment camp with your Guiding Partner. If you haven't started yet – please use the new module.

I've already been assessed and have a module. What does that mean for me?

Leaders and Managers who have completed one of these modules in the AALP do **not** have to be re-assessed.

However, the AALP and ALQP modules must be endorsed every three years. The endorsement criteria are listed at the end of the modules, and those with AALP modules must use these new criteria for their endorsement. The good news is that when the *OUT3 Camp/Activity Report* form is completed after each camp/expedition and sent with your DM's signature to State Office, the module can be endorsed automatically on the database and the expiry date extended by three years.

What other changes have been made?

The most significant change is the types of camping you may lead once a module is gained. In the past, we have expected Leaders/Managers to hold a different module for each type of camping. Now we recognise that if qualified Leaders/Managers are leading outdoor bush camps, they are more than capable of leading an indoor camp. Each module details what camps the holder is allowed to conduct. For example:

A Leader or Manager who holds the module for **Outdoor Camps at Bush Campsites** can conduct

- outdoor camps at bush campsites
- outdoor camps at established campsites
- indoor camps
- sleepovers

Do I have to be a Unit Leader to gain a Camp Module now?

No. Anyone with any of the Leadership or Management Qualifications can complete any of the camp modules.

I have an AALP module for conducting bush camps. Can I conduct an Indoor Camp now (as outlined in the new modules)?

Yes!

What is the procedure to have my current camping qualifications endorsed?

- Camping and expedition modules require endorsement every three years.
- A module will be automatically endorsed when:
 - Your camp notification/application form is received in the required time frame before the camp or expedition.
 - You are the Leader in Charge of the same type of camp or expedition as the module.
 - Apply First Aid HLTA3011A or Provide First Aid HLTAID003 certificate is current.
 - The Camp/Activity Report form, endorsed by the District Manager, is received at State Office within one month of camp.
 - The endorsement due date will be extended by 3 years from the date of each appropriate camp or expedition for which you are the Leader in Charge.
- If you have not been the LIC of a camp or expedition for more than 3 years, you can gain endorsement by planning, conducting and evaluating a camp or expedition of this kind and sharing your preparation and evaluation with an Outdoor Skills Assessor. If you do not meet this endorsement requirement, you may be endorsed for the kind of camp for which you have been LIC. For example, if you hold the Outdoor Bush camping module but have only conducted indoor camping in the last three years, you will be endorsed for Indoor Camps not Outdoor Bush Camps.

Canoe / Kayak Modules

Why have changes been made?

The National Outdoor Activities & Learning & Development Committees have decided to simplify the module system and only have the modules that allow adult members to conduct activities for Guides. These activities include a significant safety risk and therefore adults should be qualified to conduct and instruct those activities.

What are the new modules?

We have reduced the number of canoeing / kayaking modules from six to two. *Conduct Canoe/Kayak Activities* and *Instruct and Assess Canoe/Kayak Activities*.

Conduct Canoe/Kayak Activities is aimed at those wishing to be in charge of activities with Guides or adults. You could be taking a patrol of Guides for a fun afternoon activity, sharing your skills with other adults in

your District and assessing the Guides for Boating (Canoeing) Trefoil 1 or 2 Achieve a Challenge.

Instruct and Assess Canoe/Kayak Activities is aimed at those who can instruct other adults in canoe/kayak skills and assess adults for these modules or Guides for Boating (Canoeing) Trefoil 3 Achieve a Challenge.

Is there any RPL?

Yes. The modules have details of the automatic RPL to be given for holders of external qualifications and Boating (Canoeing) Trefoil 3 Achieve a Challenge.

Who assesses the new modules?

An Outdoor Skills Assessor who holds the *Instruct & Assess Canoe/Kayak Activities* module or its AALP equivalent *FD O12E Instruct Canoeing and/or Kayaking Skills*. The requirements for appointment are listed in the module booklet.

I was working on a module but haven't completed it yet. Do I have to start again?

No. You can complete the module you are working on, providing you do so before 30th November 2014. However, if you'd prefer to change to the ALQP module now, discuss what you have already completed with an Outdoors Skills Assessor. Based on what is signed in your AALP module, she will sign the module activity boxes in the new module booklet for all the things you have already completed in the last three years.

I have an AALP module O12 A, B or C. What do I do now?

Discuss what you have completed with an Outdoors Skills Assessor.

Providing the AALP module was completed within the last three years, you may have automatic RPL for activities 1- 14 in the Basic Skills section and the Outdoor Skills Assessor will sign the module boxes.

The Outdoor Skills Assessor will also sign other module activity boxes for other activities you may have completed within the last three years.

I have an AALP module O12 DS or DL. What do I do now?

Providing you have kept current, you should carry on conducting canoe/kayak activities. When your O12DS or DL module is due for endorsement, you should be endorsed according to the conditions of endorsement of the new module *Conduct Canoe/Kayak Activities*.

I have an AALP module O12E. What do I do now?

Providing you have kept current, you should carry on conducting and instructing canoe/kayak activities. When your O12E module is due for endorsement, you should be endorsed according to the conditions of endorsement of the new module *Instruct and Assess Canoe/Kayak Activities*.

Where can I get more information?

Your State Outdoor Activities Manager will be able to answer your questions.

Outdoor Skills Assessors

What to Outdoor Skills Assessors do?

The primary purpose of an Outdoor Skills Assessor is to assess adult members for the Outdoor Modules of the ALQP.

What are the requirements of appointment to this position?

- Hold an Outdoor Module/s for a minimum of 2 years (and be actively seeking to have the modules endorsed in line with the endorsement information in the ALQP Outdoor Modules). The Outdoor Skills Assessor must hold the module relative to the one they are assessing.
- Have been in charge of/ conducted an outdoor activity at least 4 times. For example, to become an Outdoor Skills Assessor for the 'Outdoor Camps in established campsites' module you must have been the Leader In Charge of four outdoor camps at established campsites. To become an OSA for Conduct Canoe/Kayak Activities, you must have been the LIC for at least four canoe/kayak activities.
- Be recommended by the Region Manager (or her nominee) to the State Outdoor Activities Manager, who will manage this appointment.
- Current *Provide First Aid* certificate or equivalent.

I'm interested in becoming an Outdoor Skills Assessor. What should I do?

First, check that you meet the criteria listed above. Then talk with your Region Manager about it. (She may ask you to talk to her Region Outdoor Activities person instead). If the Region Manager (or her nominee) agrees that you are appropriately skilled, have the time to undertake this role and others will benefit sharing your skills and knowledge, she will make a recommendation to the State Outdoor Activities Manager.