

Factsheet: Converting to Outdoor Adventure Skills



A guide to converting to the Outdoor Adventure Skills in the new Achievement Pathways

Explanation behind conversion

The Outdoor Adventure Skills aspect of the Personal Progression Framework recognises a young person's development in specific activity skill areas. For existing youth members, they may have previously been involved in activities, adventures and experiences that can be recognised through this framework.

This document can be used to support youth members to align their current skills, including those achieved through the previous Award Scheme, with the Outdoor Adventure Skills.

If a youth member has earned the highest award already, either in their current or previous Sections, please refer to their new record book for mapping across achievements, before referring to this document.

Mapping

Not everything can be directly mapped between the previous Award Scheme and the new Achievement Pathways. However, this document can assist youth members to recognise the skills and knowledge they already have in the Achievement Pathways. This may involve translating current achievements to the new pathways, or it could involve a conversation with the youth member and their Patrol and Unit about how their skills and experiences match up to a stream of the Outdoor Adventure Skills.

The approach

Different approaches to this conversion will need to occur, depending on the Section. Currently, the Cub Scout and Scout Sections' Award Schemes are quite prescriptive, whereas the Award Schemes for the Joey Scout, Venturer Scout and Rover Scout Sections are more open and can be personalised.

Therefore, in the Joey Scout, Venturer Scout, and Rover Scout Sections, it may take some more careful consideration, reflection and discussion with, or between, youth members, to determine exactly where in the Outdoor Adventure Skills streams their skills and abilities are realised. This process may be supported by getting Unit Leaders and Patrol Leaders to support the discussion and reflections between youth members.

It is important to remember that between conversions, the youth member should never be disadvantaged.

Badges

It is also important to recognise that not everything will directly align into the new Outdoor Adventure Skill streams. Some achievements are more suited for mapping into Program Essentials Milestones or Special Interest Areas.

Only one badge for each Outdoor Adventure Skills stream should be worn at any one time. Following this logic, when the Award Scheme to Achievement Pathways conversion occurs, it is suggested that the youth member receives only a single badge per stream they have achieved.

Example 1: if they have achieved all of the requirements for Stages 1 and 2 in Bushwalking and are halfway through the requirements for Stage 3, then the Patrol/Unit will award them solely the Stage 2 badge to be worn on their uniform.

Example 2: if a youth member has achieved all of the requirements of Stages 1 through to 6 of Vertical and are almost finished Stage 7, the Unit/Patrol would issue the youth member the Stage 6 badge only, not the six badges representing their achievements of Stages 1 to 6.

The Outdoor Adventure Skills have a developmental flow. To support this "I-Statements" in each stage build upon the skills and achievements in the previous stage. This is important to remember when converting between the Award Scheme and the Achievement Pathways, because it may affect where a youth member's up to date achievements and skills are recognised.

Example: if a youth member has completed almost all of the requirements (perhaps missing a few "I-Statements" per stage) for the first 3 stages of a particular stream, and are partway through the "I-Statements" of Stage 4 of that stream, then the youth member should be awarded the Stage 3 badge. As the youth member continues through the Outdoor Adventure Skills in that stream, they will cover the missing "I-Statements".

Additional Information

As part of the achievement of the Peak Award, youth members are required to achieve certain numbers of progressions within the Outdoor Adventure Skills. For a youth member converting to the new pathways, the conversions can account for any/all of the stage progressions required in that Section.

It is important to take the time with youth members so that they understand what they have already achieved and give them appropriate time to map achievements. This sort of process enables youth members to take responsibility for their own personal progression.

Section Conversion Guides

Joey Scouts

The existing Joey Scout Award Scheme has the potential to be quite personal and tailored to the individual. If the Joey Scout has received their Joey Promise Challenge, this aligns with Stage 1 of the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills streams. Joey Scouts are likely to have achieved parts of Stage 1 and potentially Stage 2 in other Outdoor Adventure Skills streams, depending on what individual activities they have been involved in.

Discuss with the Joey Scout what they have done, and how that compares to the "I-Statements" throughout the early streams of the Outdoor Adventure Skills.

Below are some example questions to discuss with the Joey Scout regarding conversion:

- Have you been on a bike ride?
- Do you know some basic skills in relation to riding a bike?
- Let's look at Stages 1 and 2 of Cycling
- How you participated in a water safety night?
- Have you been swimming?
- Let's look at Stage 1 Aquatics
- Have you been hiking?
- Let's look at Stage 1 Bushwalking

There are plenty of skills that a Joey Scout probably has that can be recognised in the lower stages of the Outdoor Adventure Skills. They may not be all the way through a stage, and that is OK. Make sure their previous achievements are still recognised in the relevant stream so they know what additional skills they need to develop in to earn the appropriate stage.

Cub Scouts

It is suggested that Patrols and a supporting adult work together through the requirements of each of the Outdoor Adventure Skills and tentatively indicate which they believe they have achieved. A Leader, adult supporter or older Section youth member can then review each Cub Scout's achievements.

The list below provides a guide as to where current areas of the Cub Scout Award Scheme may fit into the Outdoor Adventure Skills:

Current Badge	New Personal Progression Framework
Animals and Birds	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stage 3 Bushcraft
Bushcraft	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 3 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
Weather	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stage 3 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
Canoeing	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 3 in Paddling and Aquatic
Cyclist	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 3 in Cycling
Sailing	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 3 in Boating
Swimming	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 3 in Aquatic, Boating and Paddling
First Aider	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 4 in all of the Outdoor Adventure Skills
Bronze Boomerang	There are multiple skills that map to Stage 1 and 2 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills and some points in Aquatic
Silver Boomerang	There are multiple skills that map to Stages 1, 2 and 3 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills and some points in Aquatic
Gold Boomerang	There are multiple skills that map to Stages 1, 2 and 3 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills and some points in Aquatic

Scouts

The Patrol, with the guidance of an adult Leader, Patrol Leader or Unit Leader, work through the requirements of the Outdoor Adventure Skills and tentatively indicate what they believe they have achieved. This can then be reviewed and approved by a member of the Unit Council.

The list below provides a guide as to where current skills may fit into the Outdoor Adventure Skills Framework:

Current Badge	New Personal Progression Mapping
Scoutcraft	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 3 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
Campcraft Pioneer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 4 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills.
Campcraft Explorer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 3 to 5 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills.
Campcraft Adventurer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 3 to 5 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills.
Citizenship Pioneer	The First Aid components relate to Stages 3 and 4 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
Citizenship Explorer	The First Aid components relate to Stages 3 and 4 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
Citizenship Adventurer	The First Aid components relate to Stages 3 and 4 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
Construction Pioneer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stage 4, Pioneering in Bushcraft
Construction Explorer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stage 4, and 5 of Pioneering in Bushcraft
Construction Adventurer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stage 5 and 6 of Pioneering in Bushcraft
Water Safety Pioneer, Explorer, and Adventurer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stage 3 of Aquatic, and Stages 4 & 5 in the lifesaving components within Aquatic.
Emergencies Pioneer, Explorer, and Adventurer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" related to Emergency within Stages 1 to 5 of the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills.
Water Activities Pioneer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 3 of one or more of the Aquatic, Boating and Paddling streams.
Water Activities Explorer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 2 to 4 of one or more of the Aquatic, Boating and Paddling streams.
Water Activities Adventurer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 3 to 5 of one or more of the Aquatic, Boating and Paddling streams.
Abseiling	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stage 1 to 3 in the Vertical Outdoor Adventure Skills
Astronomer	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 5 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
Bushcraft	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 3 to 5 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
Caving	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 3 in the Vertical Outdoor Adventure Skills, and the Caving components of Stage 4 Vertical.
Fire Awareness	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stage 1 to 3 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
Top Rope Climbing	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stage 1 to 3 in the Vertical Outdoor Adventure Skills
Outdoor	Depending on the activities undertaken, this may relate to any of the Outdoor Adventure Skills, between Stages 2 to 5.
Environment Pioneer, Explorer, and Adventurer	Relates to Stages 3 to 5 of the environmental based "I-Statements" in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills.

Venturer Scouts:

Venturer Scouts should work through the requirements of the Outdoor Adventure Skills, individually or with their Unit, tentatively indicating what they believe they have achieved. This should then be verified by the Unit Council.

The list below provides a guide as to where current skills may fit into the Outdoor Adventure Skills framework:

Current Badge	New Personal Progression Framework
Venturer Skills	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 4 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
VA Initiative	Relates to some of the "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 4 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills
VA Expedition	Related to a number of "I-Statements" within Stages 1 to 5 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills and if doing a different activity expedition other than bushwalking "I-Statements" relating to that particular activity from Stages 1 to 5
QS Expedition	Related to a number of "I-Statements" within Stages 3 to 6 in the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills and if doing a different activity expedition other than bushwalking, "I-Statements" relating to that particular activity from Stages 3 to 6
VA Outdoors	Skills here will sit between Stages 1 to 6 in the Outdoor Adventure Skills stream that relates to the activity undertaken as part of the Outdoors badge.
QS Outdoors	Skills here will sit between Stages 3 to 6 in the Outdoor Adventure Skills stream that relates to the activity undertaken as part of the Outdoors badge.
VA Environment	Skills here will sit between Stages 1 to 6 in the Outdoor Adventure Skills stream that relates to the activity undertaken as part of the Environment badge.
QS Environment	Skills here will sit between Stages 3 to 6 in the Outdoor Adventure Skills stream that relates to the activity undertaken as part of the Environment badge.
VA First Aid	Relates to the First Aid "I-Statements" in all Outdoor Adventure Skills streams up to Stage 5.
VA Pursuits	Skills here will sit between Stages 1 to 6 in the Outdoor Adventure Skills stream that relates to the activity undertaken as part of the Pursuits badge.
QS Pursuits	Skills here will sit between Stages 3 to 6 in the Outdoor Adventure Skills stream that relates to the activity undertaken as part of the Pursuits badge.
Endeavour Award	Skills here will sit between Stages 3 to 6 in the Outdoor Adventure Skills stream that relates to the activity undertaken as part of the Endeavour Award.
Anchor Badge	Skills here will sit between Stages 3 to 6 in the Outdoor Adventure Skills stream that relates to the activities undertaken as part of the Anchor badge.

Due to how personal and tailored the Venturer Scout Award Scheme is, it is likely that youth members may be close to completing some of the Outdoor Adventure Skills stages, but may not have completely finalised some of the Stages explicitly. Depending on their journey as a youth member through the current program, as individuals they may be in very different places along each of the streams. This provides plenty of opportunity for further development and growth. Once the baseline is established, make sure the "I-Statements" are marked off as earned by the Venturer Scout.

Rover Scouts

As mentioned previously in this document, the Rover Scout Section has the potential to be quite personal and tailored in terms of the current award scheme. If a Rover Scout has received their Baden Powell Scout Award, this aligns with Stage 5 of the three core Outdoor Adventure Skills Streams. Also, the Rover Scout is likely to have achieved parts of Stages 1 through 6 of other Outdoor Adventure Skills streams, depending on what individual activities the Rover Scout has been involved in.

It is suggested that the Rover Scout themselves work through the requirements of the Outdoor Adventure Skills and tentatively indicate what they believe they have achieved. The Unit Council can then review and approve these.

It is likely that the Rover Scout will have one or two things to demonstrate and/or confirm in a few of the Stages. Depending on their journey as a youth member through the current program, they may or may not be very far along some of the streams. This provides plenty of opportunity for further development and growth for the future.