

## Becoming a BCU Safety Training Provider

### Introduction

The document outlines the requirements for BCU Coaches who wish to become recognised to deliver any of the following BCU Safety Training courses.

- Foundation Safety and Rescue Training
- White Water Safety and Rescue Training
- Advanced White Water Safety and Rescue Training
- Advanced Surf Safety and Rescue Training
- Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning
- Open Water Navigation and Tidal Planning

Only providers with the required role are eligible to run BCU Safety Training Courses. Anyone found to be delivering BCU Star Award Assessments (or formal BCU 4/5 Star Training) who do not hold the required role will be disciplined.

All provider roles are subject to the coach meeting the Home Nation Coach Update requirements (i.e. membership, Coaching CPD, first aid, and child protection training).

Qualifications stated are minimum requirements, higher qualifications are also accepted. Individuals who have alternative qualifications and/or experience are able to apply for accredited prior learning through the normal BCU APL procedures.

## BCU Foundation Safety and Rescue Training Provider

Coaches wishing to become a FSRT Provider are required to complete a provider logbook. This is open to updated coaches with one of the following requirements

- BCU Level 3 Coach, plus alternative kayak or canoe 3 star award OR
- MWE Coach, plus alternative kayak or canoe 3 Star award OR
- BCU (UKCC) Level 2 (Canoe and Kayak, with both Canoe and Kayak 3 Star) with a minimum of 100 logged coaching hours with a range of craft in the sheltered water environment after achieving Level BCU (UKCC) Level 2.

The logbook process requires the aspirant provider to complete the following (in order)

- 1) Attend a one day FSRT Provider Orientation, delivered by Home Nation Association.
- 2) Complete an action plan, including working on or observing courses with existing providers.
- 3) Assessed Delivery – arrange for an existing provider to assess your delivery of a BCU FSRT Course. The authorising provider must have delivered at least 3 FSRT courses and have attended BCU FSRT Moderation (both within the last 3-years).

Upon completion of the above tasks, the logbook should be returned to the Home Nation for verification and registration as a FSRT Provider.

### Mainintaining the Role

There are currently no specific update requirements for delivery of this course. However, Providers are expected to be current with relevant safety skills and techniques being taught. Attendance at a moderation event is recommended. This requirement is currently under review; further information will be announced in due course.

## BCU White Water Safety & Rescue Training

Coaches wishing to become a WWSR Provider are required to complete a provider logbook. This is open to updated coaches with the following qualifications.

Coaching Qualification (any of the following)	Star Award (any of the following)
BCU Level 3 Coach	5 star award (white water or open canoe), held for minimum 3 years
BCU (UKCC) Level 3 Coach (white water or open canoe)	5 star Leader award (white water or open canoe), held for minimum 3 years
BCU (UKCC) Level 2 Coach with Moderate Water Endorsement (white water or open canoe)	

The logbook process requires the aspirant provider to complete the following (in order):

- 1) Attend orientation training course delivered by Home Nation (2 days). This course is spent running through the WWSR syllabus and trainers notes, with at least half of the course spent on the water, ensuring that participants are conversant with the safety issues, key learning points and are able to provide accurate demonstrations. Participants design their own action plan that is discussed and agreed with their training provider. The action plan is written into their BCU WWSR Provider Logbook. A training provider will sign the logbook to verify training has been completed.

- 2) Complete an action plan, including working on / observing courses with existing providers. For candidates wishing to deliver the course in the craft for which they do not hold a 5 star, the action plan will include an extra days training in that craft. In addition, the action plan will contain the requirement to prepare a written risk assessment, which will be provided to the National Trainer. This risk assessment should form the basis of the risk disclosure that WWSR Providers will provide for their students. A BCU template is available on request.
- 3) Assessed Delivery – arrange for an existing provider to assess your delivery of a BCU WWSR Course.

Upon completion of the above tasks, the logbook should be returned to the Home Nation for verification and registration as a WWSR Provider.

### **Maintaining the Role**

- 1) Minimum Delivery - WWSR Providers are required to deliver at least one course every 3 years. Providers who have been unable to maintain their currency can assist as a suitably experienced assistant on a BCU course to reinstate their Provider status, ensuring their name appears on the course schedule. Providers who fail to do either of the above within 4 years will be considered as lapsed and must re-attend a 2 day re-orientation course or other action plan as deemed necessary by Home Nation.
- 2) Moderation - Providers must meet one of the following moderation requirements every 3 years.
  - a) Attend a 1 day update training event delivered by a Home Nation Trainer.
  - b) Deliver a WWS&R course alongside a Home Nation Trainer.

### **Advanced White Water Safety & Rescue**

Coaches wishing to become a AdvWWSR Provider are required to complete a provider logbook. This is open to updated coaches with one of the following qualifications.

- BCU Level 5 Inland Kayak or BCU (UKCC) Level 3 Coach (White Water) with 5 Star Leader White Water
- Registered WWSR provider (have delivered a minimum of 3 courses in the last 3 years)

The logbook process requires the aspirant provider to complete the following :

- Attend 2-day training course (Delivered by BCU AdWWSR Trainer). You will be required to provide evidence of current skills in applications of rope work in steep and difficult ground. An individual action plan will be agreed at the end of training. (This training may be via a specific BCU provider training course, or alternatively by shadowing a BCU AdWWSR Trainer running a course).

Upon completion of the above tasks, the logbook should be returned to the Home Nation for verification and registration as a AdvWWSR Provider.

### **Maintaining the Role**

In order to ensure that course directors remain current they are required to:

- 1) Minimum Delivery - Deliver a minimum of 3 courses in a three year period. (Delivery can be as, Course Director, second staff, or as an Observer)
- 2) Moderation - Providers must meet one of the following moderation requirements every 3 years.

- a) Attend a 1-day update-training event delivered by a BCU AdWWSR Trainer
- b) Deliver an AdWWSR course alongside a BCU AdWWSR Trainer

Providers whose currency has expired have two years to complete the above requirements, after this they will be considered lapsed.

(Remaining current as an AdWWSR provider also maintains the provider's currency to deliver WWSR courses)

## Advanced Surf Safety & Rescue Training

Coaches wishing to become a AdvSSR Provider should contact their Home Nation for more information.

## Coastal Navigation & Tidal Planning

Coaches wishing to become a CNTP Provider are required to complete a provider logbook. This is open to updated coaches with the following:

- BCU Level 3 Coach (Sea) or BCU (UKCC) Level 2 with Moderate Water Endorsement (Sea) AND
- 5 Star Award (sea) or 5 Star Leader Award (sea)
- Coach update status valid
- Be a Registered 3 Star Sea Assessor, and have run a 3 Star Sea assessment
- Have attended a VHF Course
- Have attended a Coastal Navigation Course within previous 3 years

The logbook process requires the aspirant provider to complete the following (in order):

- 1) Attend orientation training course delivered by Home Nation (1 day) or by attending a course delivered by a Home Nation Trainer.
- 2) Complete an action plan, including working on or observing courses with existing providers
- 3) Assessed Delivery – arrange for an existing provider to assess your delivery of a BCU CNTP Course.

Upon completion of the above tasks, the logbook should be returned to the Home Nation for verification and registration as a CNTP Provider.

### Maintaining the Role

In order to ensure that course directors remain current they are required to meet the following requirements:

- Minimum Delivery - deliver at least one course every 3 years. Providers who have been unable to maintain their currency can assist as a suitably experienced assistant on a BCU course to reinstate their Provider status, ensuring their name appears on the course schedule.

Providers who fail to do either of the above within 4 years will be considered as lapsed and must re-attend a 1 day re-orientation course or other action plan as deemed necessary by Home Nation.

## Open Water Navigation & Tidal Planning

Coaches wishing to become a OWNTP Provider are required to complete a provider logbook. This is open to updated coaches with the following;

- BCU Level 5 Coach (Sea) or BCU (UKCC) Level 3 Coach (sea) with 5 Star Leader Sea AND
- Be registered as a 4 Star Leader – Sea provider
- Be registered as a Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning Provider
- Have run a 4 Star Leader – Sea Assessment

The logbook process requires the aspirant provider to complete the following (in order):

- Have attended a BCU Open Water Navigation and Tidal Planning course, or RYA equivalent within previous 3 years
- Obtain a Provider logbook from Home Nation
- Attend orientation training course delivered by Home Nation (1 day) or by attending a course delivered by a Home Nation Trainer.
- Complete an action plan, including working on or observing courses with existing providers
- Assessed Delivery – arrange for an existing provider to assess your delivery of a BCU OWNTP Course.

Upon completion of the above tasks, the logbook should be returned to the Home Nation for verification and registration as a OWNTP Provider.

### **Maintaining the Role**

In order to ensure that course directors remain current they are required to meet the following requirements:

- Minimum Delivery - deliver at least one course every 3 years. Providers who have been unable to maintain their currency can assist as a suitably experienced assistant on a BCU course to reinstate their Provider status, ensuring their name appears on the course schedule.

Providers who fail to do either of the above within 4 years will be considered as lapsed and must re-attend a 1 day re-orientation course or other action plan as deemed necessary by Home Nation.