

Becoming a BCU Star Award Provider

Introduction

The document outlines the requirements for BCU Coaches who wish to become recognised to deliver BCU Star Award Assessments (and the formal BCU 4 and 5 Star Training).

Only providers with the required role are eligible to run BCU Star Award Assessments and the formal BCU 4 and 5 Star Leader Training. These roles are named in the specific Star Award Syllabus, details of how to become a provider are detailed in this document. 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 (1 to 5 Star) are subject to the coach meeting the Home Nation Coach Update requirements (i.e. membership, revalidation, first aid, and child protection training). Star Award providers are also required to maintain currency, see 'BCU Star Award Guidance Notes' for specific details.

Qualifications stated are minimum requirements, higher qualifications are also accepted.

BCU Paddlesport Start Provider

Any BCU Coach (in membership) can deliver the BCU Paddlesport Start Award, there is no specific provider role required. It is recommended that they work with other qualified and experienced providers before working on their own. Any coach wishing to deliver the award can contact their Home Nation Association to purchase the certificates.

BCU 1 Star Provider

Any BCU Coach, who meets their Home Nation Coach Update requirements can deliver the BCU 1 Star Award, there is no specific provider role required. It is recommended that they work with other qualified and experienced providers before working on their own. Any coach wishing to deliver the award can contact their Home Nation Association to obtain the necessary pass-slips.

BCU 2 Star Provider

Updated BCU Coaches who are qualified (at Level 2 or above) in both canoe and kayak can assess the BCU 2 Star Award (this includes UKCC and other BCU awards). It is recommended that they work with other qualified and experienced providers before working on their own. All BCU 2 Star Providers must be registered with their Home Nation Association as a BCU 2 Star Provider before running a course; this can be achieved by email request.

BCU 3 Star Provider

Coaches wishing to assess BCU 3 Star award/s are required to complete a provider logbook. This is open to updated coaches with one of the following coaching qualifications;

- Moderate Water Endorsement (MWE) Training*
- BCU Level 3 Coach Award
- BCU (UKCC) Level 3 Discipline Specific Training*

The coaching qualification must be in the relevant discipline (defined below).

3 Star Provider Role	Relevant Discipline Qualification/s Required:
White Water Kayak	Inland Kayak or White Water Kayak
White Water OC1	Inland Kayak, or WW Kayak, or Open Canoe AND 4 Star WW OC1
Freestyle (Kayak and Canoe)	Inland Kayak or White Water Kayak AND 4 Star Freestyle
Sea (Sea Kayak and Sea Sit-on-Top)	Sea Kayak
Surf	Surf Kayak
Open Canoe	Open Canoe
Touring Kayak	Inland Kayak, or White Water, or Sea, or Placid Water
Touring Canoe	Open Canoe or Placid Water
Wild Water Racing	Wild Water Racing

The logbook process requires the aspirant provider to observe, support and co-deliver BCU 3 Star assessment courses with qualified providers. Once well practiced the aspirant provider needs a recommendation that they are competent in the role. The recommendation must be from a current BCU 3 Star Provider.

The Home Nation Associations run a programme of BCU Assessor Training Day courses. This is required for all aspirant providers working towards becoming a BCU 4 and 5 Star provider, but would also provide invaluable knowledge for the BCU 3 Star Provider. Aspirant and active BCU 3 Star Providers are encouraged to attend this course to gain further knowledge of the practice of assessing. This course is considered relevant development and learning for coaches and meets the requirement of Home Nation Coach Update.

See the BCU 3 Star Provider Logbook for further details, available from the Home Nation Association on request.

There are currently fast track routes available to BCU 3 Star Freestyle and White Water OC1 Providers; see appendix 1 for details.

* The role can only be granted once the MWE or BCU (UKCC) Level 3 qualification has been achieved if the aspirant provider started the logbook process as a Trainee coach.

BCU 4 Star Provider

Coaches wishing to run BCU 4 Star Leader Training or Assessment are required to complete a provider logbook. This is open to updated coaches with one of the following coaching qualifications;

- Moderate Water Endorsement (MWE)
- BCU Level 3 Coach Award
- BCU (UKCC) Level 3

The coaching qualification must be in the relevant discipline and the appropriate 4 or 5 Star must also be held (as defined below).

4 Star Leader Provider Role	Relevant Discipline Qualification/s Required:
White Water Kayak	Inland Kayak or White Water Kayak Coach AND 5 Star WW Kayak Leader
White Water OC1	Inland, or WW Kayak, or Open Canoe Coach AND 5 Star WW OC1 Leader
Freestyle Kayak and Canoe	Inland Kayak or White Water Kayak Coach AND 4 Star Freestyle Leader
Sea Kayak	Sea Kayak Coach AND 5 Star Sea Leader
Surf	Surf Kayak Coach AND 5 Star Surf Leader
Open Canoe	Open Canoe Coach AND 5 Star Open Canoe Leader
Touring	Inland, or WW Kayak, or Placid Water, or Open Canoe, or Sea Coach AND 4 Star Touring Leader

The logbook process requires the aspirant provider to complete the following (in no particular order):

- BCU Assessor Training (see page 6)
- BCU Discipline Specific Star Award Provider Training (see page 6)
- Observe, support and co-deliver BCU 4 Star training and assessment courses with qualified, current and active providers

Once the above have all been completed and the aspirant is well practiced they need a recommendation that they are competent in the roles. The recommendations must be from registered BCU 4 Star Providers, and are required at 4 Star Training and Assessment. Following these recommendations the aspirant provider requires a final Home Nation Trainer Assessment (See page 6). See the BCU 4 Star Provider Logbook for further details, available from the Home Nation Association on request.

It is strongly advised that aspirant providers also work towards the relevant 4 Star safety provider role if not already held.

There are currently fast track routes available to BCU 4 Star Freestyle, Touring, and White Water OC1 Providers; see appendix 1 for details.

BCU 5 Star Provider

Coaches wishing to run BCU 5 Star Leader Training or Assessment are required to complete a provider logbook. This is open to updated coaches with one of the following coaching qualifications;

- BCU (UKCC) Level 3 with Advanced Water Endorsement
- BCU Level 5 Coach Award

The coaching/leadership qualification/s must be in the relevant discipline as defined below.

5 Star Leader Provider Role	Relevant Discipline Qualification/s Required:
White Water Kayak	Inland Kayak or White Water Kayak Coach
White Water OC1	Inland Kayak, or WW Kayak, or Open Canoe Coach AND 5 Star WW OC1 Leader
Sea Kayak	Sea Kayak Coach
Surf	Surf Kayak Coach
Open Canoe	Open Canoe Coach

The logbook process requires the aspirant provider to complete the following (in no particular order):

- BCU Assessor Training (see page 6)
- BCU Discipline Specific Star Award Provider Training (see page 6)
- Observe, support and co-deliver BCU 5 Star training and assessment courses with qualified, current and active providers

Once the above have all been completed and the aspirant is well practiced they need recommendations that they are competent in the roles. The recommendations must be from a BCU 5 Star Provider, and are required at 5 Star Training and Assessment. Following these recommendations the aspirant provider requires a final Home Nation Trainer Assessment (see page 6).

It is strongly advised that aspirant providers also work towards the relevant 4 and 5 Star safety provider role if not already held.

See the BCU 5 Star Provider Logbook for further details, available from the Home Nation Association on request.

There is currently a fast track route available to BCU 5 Star White Water OC1 Providers; see appendix 1 for details.

BCU Assessor Training

The BCU Assessor Training Day covers essential assessing skills required for providers of BCU Star Award Assessments. It is appropriate for 3, 4 and 5 Star Providers in all disciplines, and only needs completing once if providers are working towards multiple roles.

BCU Discipline Specific 4 and 5 Star Assessor Training

This can be run either as a specific training day, or through the full observation of the relevant 4 or 5 Star Assessment course. The BCU Discipline Specific 4/5 Star Assessor Training provides an induction to the discipline specific requirements, standards etc. and must be delivered by a BCU Home Nation Trainer.

Final Home Nation Trainer Assessment

A list of current Home Nation Trainers is available from the Home Nation on request. The final assessment will cover competencies across the range of training and assessing skills.

Appendix 1 Fast Track Routes

There are currently fast track routes available for the following roles. These awards have recently been launched the logbook process is inaccessible. It is likely that these fast track routes will be withdrawn once an established assessor workforce is in place.

BCU 3 Star Freestyle Provider Fast Track Route:

Coaches who meet the following requirements are able to apply to their Home Nation for the role:

- BCU White Water Coach (Level 3, MWE or UKCC Level 3)
- BCU 3 Star Provider in another discipline

The application will need to demonstrate appropriate freestyle knowledge. If accepted the aspirant provider will be required to attend a BCU Orientation event for the role.

BCU 3 Star White Water OC1 Fast Track Route:

Coaches who meet the following requirements are able to apply to their Home Nation for the role:

- BCU White Water Coach (Level 3, MWE or UKCC Level 3) + BCU 4 Star Open Canoe Leader OR BCU Canoe Coach (Level 3, MWE, UKCC Level 3) + BCU 4 Star White Water Leader
- BCU 3 Star Provider in another discipline

The application will need to demonstrate appropriate WW OC1 knowledge. If accepted the aspirant provider will be required to attend a BCU Orientation event for the role.

BCU 4 Star Touring Leader Fast Track Route:

Coaches who meet the following requirements are able to apply to their Home Nation for the role:

- BCU Canoe and Kayak (WWK, Sea or Surf) Coach (BCU Level 3, MWE, or UKCC Level 3)
Or one of above AND BCU 4 Star Leader in the other
Or BCU Level 3 Placid Water Coach
- BCU 3 Star Touring Provider (Kayak and/or Canoe) – and have run one
- BCU 4 Star Leader Provider in another discipline
- BCU FSRT Safety Prerequisite (delivered, observed or attended in the last 3-years)

If accepted the aspirant provider will be required to attend a BCU Orientation event for the role (or achieve the BCU 4 Star Touring Award).

BCU 4 Star Freestyle Leader Fast Track Route:

Coaches who meet the following requirements are able to apply to their Home Nation for the role:

- BCU White Water Coach (BCU Level 3, MWE, or UKCC Level 3)
- BCU 3 Star Freestyle Provider (Kayak and/or Canoe) - and have run one
- BCU 4 Star Leader Provider in another discipline - and have run one

The application will need to demonstrate appropriate freestyle knowledge. If accepted the aspirant provider will be required to attend a BCU Orientation event for the role.

BCU 4 Star White Water OC1 Leader Fast Track Route:

Coaches who meet the following requirements are able to apply to their Home Nation for the role:

- BCU White Water Coach (Level 3, MWE or UKCC Level 3) + BCU 4 Star Open Canoe Leader OR BCU Open Canoe Coach (Level 3, MWE or UKCC Level 3) + BCU 4 Star WW Leader
- BCU 4 Star Leader Provider in another discipline
- BCU WWSR Safety Prerequisite (delivered, observed or attended in the last 3-years)

The application will need to demonstrate appropriate White Water OC1 knowledge. If accepted the aspirant provider will be required to attend a BCU Orientation event for the role.

BCU 5 Star White Water OC1 Leader Fast Track Route:

Coaches who meet the following requirements are able to apply to their Home Nation for the role:

- BCU (UKCC) Level 3 with Advanced Water Endorsement OR BCU Level 5 Coach Award (Inland, WW Kayak, or Open Canoe)
- BCU 5 Star Leader in both WW Kayak and Open Canoe
- BCU 5 Star Provider in another discipline
- AdWWSR Safety Prerequisite (delivered, observed or attended in the last 3-years)

The application will need to demonstrate appropriate White Water OC1 knowledge. If accepted the aspirant provider will be required to attend a BCU Orientation event for the role.