

Guidance on Equivalence, Recognition and Transfer of Canoeing Ireland (CI) Instructor Qualifications to British Canoeing Coaching Awards.

This document outlines;

- Guidance on equivalence of awards for employers, clubs and coaches

It also outlines the process by which a member of Canoeing Ireland can apply for:

- Recognition of CI Instructor Qualifications by British Canoeing
- How to become a provider of British Canoeing star awards
- How to transfer into the British Canoeing coaching awards

Guidance on equivalence of CI Instructor Qualifications to British Canoeing Coaching Awards for Employers, Clubs and Coaches.

Before deploying a CI instructor, ensure that they have the following documentation;

- In date membership of CI
- Current first aid
- Child protection training
- A current and up to date CI Instructor
- Access NI, DBS or Garda clearance if applicable

Equivalence between CI Instructor qualifications and British Canoeing Coaching awards **only** exist for the qualifications listed below.

Canoeing Ireland Qualification	Equivalent British Canoeing recognised operational area
Level 1 Skills	1 Star Award
Level 2 Skills in Canoe and Kayak	2 Star Award
Level 3 skills	3 Star Award
Level 1 Instructor	British Canoeing Level 1 Coach
Level 2 Instructor	BCU Level 2 Coach Award
Level 2 Instructor both Canoe and Kayak	British Canoeing UKCC Level 2 Coach
Level 3 Instructor	British Canoeing UKCC Level 2 Coach with a Moderate Water Leader Award or British Canoeing UKCC Level 2 Coach with Moderate Water Endorsement or British Canoeing UKCC Level 3 Coach or BCU Level 3 Coach Award

Level 4 Instructor	British Canoeing UKCC Level 2 or UKCC Level 3 Coach with Advanced Water Endorsement or British Canoeing BCU Level 3 Coach Award with Advanced Water Leader.
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Note however that CI Instructors must operate under the guidelines of the equivalent British Canoeing Coaching award with regard to remit and ratios. This can be found in the British Canoeing Terms of Reference and the environmental definitions documents.

This equivalence specifically **does not** allow CI Instructors to deliver British Canoeing star award training or assessment courses or issue British Canoeing star award certificates.

Recognition of CI Instructor Qualifications by British Canoeing and how to become a provider of British Canoeing star awards.

Canoeing Ireland Instructors can have their CI Instructor Qualifications recognised by the British Canoeing. This will be recognition of area of work rather than direct equivalence of coaching qualifications.

CI Instructors looking for recognition of British Canoeing Coaching Awards must be current and registered Instructors under the CI scheme. In order for the recognition process to be completed CI Instructors must submit the following.

- British Canoeing Home Nation membership
- Copy of CI Instructor Certificate
- A recent letter from CI stating currency of Instructor Award
- Copy of a valid first aid certificate recognised by British Canoeing Home Nation
- Evidence of Child Protection Training

This recognition will allow registered CI Instructors to operate on a voluntary or commercial basis with their original CI Instructor Awards across British Canoeing Home Nations. Note however that CI Instructors must operate under the guidelines of the equivalent British Canoeing Coaching Award with regard to remit and ratios. This can be found in the British Canoeing Terms of Reference and environmental definitions documents available from British Canoeing Home Nation websites.

Equivalence between CI Instructor qualifications and British Canoeing Coaching awards only exist for the qualifications listed above.

Recognised CI Instructors must maintain annual membership with British Canoeing Home Nation in order for the recognition to remain current. Recognised and registered CI Instructors will be allowed to operate under British Canoeing Home Nation membership and insurance.

Recognition of CI Instructor qualifications are valid for 3 years, a new application for recognition must be submitted after 3 years.

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CI Instructors who have successfully completed the recognition process can apply for registration to train and assess British Canoeing 1, 2 and 3 star awards. This is limited to British Canoeing 1- 3 star awards only. To be able to deliver any other British Canoeing awards you must transfer in the British Canoeing coaching scheme and complete the appropriate provider requirements for each award.

Recognised CI instructors wishing to train or assess British Canoeing star awards must

- Apply to British Canoeing Home Nation for registration
- Hold the appropriate pre requisite awards (see pre requisites below)
- Follow the log book process

Request and complete an assessed delivery

Pre Requisites

- To deliver British Canoeing 1 Star you need to hold the equivalent of British Canoeing Level 1 Coach
- To deliver British Canoeing 2 star you need to hold the equivalent British Canoeing Level 2 Coach in Canoe and Kayak
- To deliver British Canoeing 3 star awards you need to hold one of the following - British Canoeing Level 2 Coach with Moderate Water Endorsement, British Canoeing Level 3 Coach or British Canoeing UKCC Level 3 Coach. The coaching qualification must be in the relevant discipline.

Please see British Canoeing [Becoming a Star Award Provider](#) document for further details.

CI Instructors who have completed the above must maintain annual membership with British Canoeing home nation in order for their registration to remain current. The applicant must also keep their recognition of CI Instructor Qualifications current, by renewing their application every 3 years. It is strongly recommended that individuals who are registered to train and assess British Canoeing star awards for more than 3 years apply to transfer into British Canoeing coaching awards.

How to transfer into the British Canoeing Coaching Awards

A Canoeing Ireland instructor can enter the British Canoeing transfer scheme through the same route as an old scheme British Canoeing coach. When you have entered this scheme as an old scheme British Canoeing coach you then must complete a suitable transfer option to British Canoeing / UKCC awards. Details of transfer options can be found on British Canoeing home nation websites.

Transfer routes for British Canoeing old scheme

Canoeing Ireland Instructor Qualifications	British Canoeing Old Scheme Coaching Award
Level 2 Instructor With Canoe and kayak level 3 skills certificate.	BCU Level 2 coach
Level 3 Instructor	BCU Level 3 coach

If candidates need more information on transfer option or on their equivalence please contact your home nation.

