



FAQ Leader Training Courses

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1. I am a leader trained prior to the introduction of accredited training and the introduction of qualifications. Can I apply to have my prior training recognised for a qualification?

Yes, you can apply to have your prior training assessed and recognised for a qualification. Please contact the Training Officer at the Victorian Scout Service Centre for enrolment forms and other relevant information.

2. I have a workbook that appears to be different from others I have seen. How does it compare and what is its purpose?

Workbooks have changed over the years for many reasons, changes in qualifications offered by Scouts, management of the qualifications and training processes and Government regulations. From January 2015 the training arm of Scouts Australia, Scouts Adult Training and Development, and our Registered Training Organisation, Scouts Australia Institute of Training, SAIT, separated to become discrete entities. As a consequence, and at the same time, it became unnecessary for a leader in Scouts to achieve an industry qualification at any level of training, for them to complete their training requirements, the Scout Wood Badge. All that is now required is for them to undertake and complete their Adult Training and Development program relevant to their leadership role. The completion of workbooks has therefore become redundant and new leaders today only receive papers relating to their AT&D requirements, more specifically Technical Skills and In-Service. Downloads, attachments and handouts, both during eLearning training and face to face training, are still provided to assist leaders in their training by providing information and resources. These training resources provide valuable information and should be retained for future reference. In addition these resources will provide the foundation of evidence required if a leader wishes to pursue a qualification in the future.

3. I have qualifications and experience from training and endeavours outside Scouting, can these be recognised as part or all of my Scout Leadership training?

Recognition of externally provided training may be available if it is seen to be relevant to your scouting role. Scout specific training is not normally available from, or provided in any other organisation or role, an adult may bring to their scouting role. Some qualifications such as First Aid and Training and Assessment are relevant and Mutual Recognition is granted for these external qualifications.

4. *Why are some courses cancelled?*

Courses are generally only cancelled when the minimum number of applicants (normally 8) is not achieved by the course closing date 3 weeks out from the course. This minimum number is needed to make the course viable from a trainer, caterer and accommodation perspective as well as from a trainee perspective.

5. *Can late applications to attend a course be taken?*

In most circumstances applications will be taken for one week after the closing date for a course but only if the maximum number of applicants has not been reached.

6. *Can applications for a course be taken up to the day of the course?*

No, applications for a course will not be accepted later than 2 weeks out from a course. The reasons for this include provision of handouts, catering and accommodation.

7. *Can I arrive on course the evening prior to the course commencement?*

In most cases yes, but you must contact the Course Leader to ensure accommodation can be arranged and so that they are made aware. In all cases breakfast will not be provided.

8. *How are special dietary requirements managed?*

Dietary requirements are managed by the caterers on individual bases but to do so you must include any special dietary requirements on your application form. Do not arrive on course expecting special treatment if you have not notified our staff on your application form. In some rare circumstances where dietary requirements are unique you may need to provide your own food that could be prepared by the caterers or in extreme cases yourself.

9. *How are course dates and locations determined?*

Every year the State Training Council develops a training calendar based on the previous year's calendar. Consideration is given to rotating Basic and Advanced courses and changing venues. All major scouting activities are generally avoided as well as long weekends. Occasionally the two basic weekend courses are combined and run concurrently.

10. *Can an additional, not programmed course be conducted?*

The State Training Council will consider a request for additional courses to be run if there is seen to be a need. Minimum numbers of applicants (8) must be guaranteed. Additional courses will not be conducted at the expense of programmed courses. The final decision rests with the State Commissioner – Adult Training and Development.

11. When can I begin my advanced training?

You can commence your advanced eLearning Modules at any time after your Basic training is completed but you must wait 6 months after you complete your Basic training before you can attend your Advanced Practical course.

12. I'm looking at changing my leadership role in Scouting, what training would I be looking to complete?

You will need to complete the new section specific eLearning Modules and the new section specific Practical courses at both Basic and Advanced levels.

13. Is the Basic Scout Bushwalking course the same for each of the sections that require it, ie; Scouts, Venturer Scouts, Rovers, Activity and Adventurous Activity Leaders?

Yes, this course contains effectively the same content but is delivered in a section specific manner. This means that if you have completed this course for one section, say Rovers, and you wish to move to being a Scout Leader then you do not need to redo this course again. In the same way, if you have completed the Activity Guide Basic Sectional Techniques (AGBST) course in the past then you do not need to complete the Basic Scout Bushwalking course.

14. My sections Basic Scout Bushwalking course was cancelled, can I apply to do another sections BSB course?

Yes, but you may find that it has a slightly different focus than for your particular section.

15. Some courses are by invitation only, why is this?

Scouts are primarily responsible to provide the training required for an individual to undertake their leadership role and as such all those courses are open to all leaders. Some courses are by invitation only for those leaders who have shown an aptitude and who have been identified by their peers as potentially fulfilling additional roles to their Primary Leadership role. Courses required to be undertaken for these additional roles are generally by invitation only. Scouts do not train individuals for qualifications they may wish to obtain for outside employment