Welcome to Scouts Victoria and congratulations on your appointment.

You and I are involved in Scouting because we know the impact that our program can have for young people. Our program is adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive, while also being safe.

But it only works when we have Leaders who are trained.

Thank you for signing up to contribute as a Leader and thank you for committing to the training requirements of your appointment. Your Scouts thank you too!

**What to expect**

You are commencing a practical and exciting leadership training program which we call the Wood Badge program. It's recognised by Scouts around the world. The training is delivered in some different ways: online 'On-Demand' modules, on the job learning, and courses.

You're embarking on what we call the 'Basic' level of the Wood Badge program, which consists of:

- Scouting Preliminary On-Demand modules
- Scouting Essentials On-Demand modules
- On The Job 'Plan>' Checklist
- Scouting Essentials course
- Scouting Adventure modules
- Scouting Adventure course (or completion of a 'Recognition of Proficiency' if you've got existing outdoors skills)

To find out what you need to do in more detail, find the latest version of the training plan for your role: https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/training/training-plans-and-your-training-pathway/

**Who can help**

To help you with your training and to help talk you through your training plan, you have a local training mentor, often an experienced Leader from within your Scout Group or someone nearby.

If you do not know who this is ask your Group Leader.

Do get in touch with your mentor! They are a great resource to help you start your training, but they can also help with getting to know other people around the District, or can provide some pointers if you're getting stuck.

**Where to find the On-Demand modules and On The Job checklists**

A really important gateway for a lot of the training is the Scouts Australia On-Demand Portal, which also includes the On The Job training checklists.

Here's how to sign in for the first time:

Scouts Australia training site [www.training.scouts.com.au](http://www.training.scouts.com.au)

Your Login Details:

Branch: Victoria

Member Number: XXXXXXX

Password: Your password is your date of birth (ddmmyyyy). When you login for the first time you will be asked to choose a password

Under the curriculums tab select your role

Youth Program Leader (LOY): if you are training to be involved in the Joey, Cub, Scout, Venturer or Rover section

Program Support Leader (LoA): if you are training to be a Group or District Leader




While you're on the On-Demand Portal, have a look at the On The Job training checklists. The first one (called Plan>) you can start right now in your Unit, and will need to be completed before you apply for your first course, the Scouting Essentials course.

Your training plan will give you more guidance on which On-Demand modules to do before you can attend the Scouting Essentials course.

**How to apply for training courses**

When you've completed the course pre-requisites and are ready to apply for a course, this is done through the Scouts Victoria training page. Check out the calendar and apply for a course at: https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/age-sections-adults/training/

**What we sign up to as Leaders**

You have committed through your Mutual Agreement to complete Basic training within 12 months. This level of training provides the necessary skills to carry out your role, which we recognise with a Certificate of Proficiency. We make these commitments to training as Leaders because young people, parents and the community expect Scout Leaders to be proficient.

If you have a reason that you're unable to complete this training within 12 months, you will need to seek a short extension through your District Team. However, if you have not completed this training after 15 months you will automatically become an Adult Helper in your section and no longer able to wear your Scout uniform.

If you have any challenges in your role or if you need more assistance, your first point of contact should be your Group Leader.

Once again welcome to Scouting as a Leader and congratulations on your new appointment.



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