

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Information for Assessors

The DofE is the world's leading youth development programme and is offered in over 140 countries. Since the Award's inception in 1956, over 8 million young people have participated in the programme.

The Award motivates young people to take on individual challenges outside of the academic school curriculum, guiding them along the way and recognising their achievements by awarding them an internationally renowned award.

Participation in the programme is possible between the ages of 14 and 24. The **Bronze**, **Silver** und **Gold** level require increasingly more time, commitment and personal responsibility in the following sections:



Service



Skills



Fitness



Expeditions



Residential

Participants choose their own activities, set personal goals and challenge themselves to achieve them, according to the motto: **There is more in you than you think!**

As an Assessor, you play an important role in the participation process. You should be familiar with the activity your participant has chosen and are able to reflect on progress he/she has made.



Before the activity starts, you will agree on a goal together. This should be S.M.A.R.T., i.e. specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound.

Participants must do their activity for at least one hour per week or two hours every fortnight. At the bronze level, participation lasts at least 3 months, or 6 months if the Award section is chosen as a major. At the Silver level, participation lasts at least 6 or 12 months, and at the Gold level at least 12 or 18 months. Participants document their activities in our digital logbook "Online Record Book". This can be downloaded from the App Store.

When the minimum number of hours has been completed, please discuss and reflect on your participants personal development. Please confirm the successful completion of the Award section and send in your assessment. You can submit the assessment either directly through the ORB (you will receive a link to do so) or on a paper form that you will receive from your participant. Please note that reaching the goal set at the beginning is not a prerequisite for successful completion of the Award.

Thank you very much for your support and commitment to young people!

For further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Award Leader of your participant. For more information on the Award Programme, please visit www.duke-award.de.

