

External Adventurous Journey Providers (EAJP) AJ Request Application

As a participant with YouthAdvance, we aim to support you in achieving your Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and ensure all of your activities meet the requirements. As your Award Leader, we want to make sure that the effort you put into your award will not be wasted from your Adventurous Journey being rejected. It is also a **responsibility** and **priority** for us, that the organisations our participants engage in are **fulfilling their duties to ensure safety and abide by the award requirements**.

The following document requires the Participant to send the EAJP AJ Request Application to the EAJP for completion of section 1 (**Green Sections**) Once the EAJP completes their sections (**Green Sections**) the EAJP returns the document to the participant who then completes section 2 (**Blue Sections**). Once both sections are completed the EAJP can then be submitted to YouthAdvance via the following [link](#)

ALL AJ's MUST NOT BE BOOKED with an external provider until this document has been completed and approved by YouthAdvance. Please see our Terms and Conditions.

We aim to keep the initial Award registration fees financially achievable as possible for all participants. For those who choose to undertake their AJ's external to YouthAdvance the EAJP RA will incur a **\$55.00 administration fee payable** per program*.

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We encourage participants to challenge themselves and utilise the fantastic opportunities available to them but have a responsibility to them and the Award to ensure compliance to the Award requirements. The EAJP RA fee covers the time required to verify EAJPs and the programs that participants wish to undertake. This fee must be paid before the EAJP Request Application is evaluated and processed.

Please complete the following elements, supply the full details with all relevant information. We use this information to determine whether the proposed AJ meets the requirements of the Award as stipulated in the [Award Hand Book](#)

SECTION 1A - External AJ Providers Details	
Name of Organisation:	
Contact Name:	Email Address:
Office Address:	
Office Phone:	Website:
ABN:	
Please provide a copy of the organisations public liability insurance.	

SECTION 1B - Type of Adventurous Journey Being Considered in this Application

All journeys must have a clearly stated objective. Having a clear objective/purpose is intended to ensure that Participants develop a connection to the area in which they journey, with their senses alert to their surroundings, and by observing and noting relevant facts and feelings.

1. Expedition - An expedition is a journey with a purpose. In an expedition, the primary focus is on the journeying, which is broadly two thirds of the purposeful effort. In an expedition, the main activities include route finding and/or navigation, setting and packing up camp, and tasks related to the purpose of the journey.

For example: A group of Participants may choose to walk from Blackheath to Mt. Victoria through the Grose Valley in the Blue Mountains, NSW. Another group may choose to go on a cycling journey through rural Vietnam.

2. Exploration - An exploration is a purpose with a journey. In an exploration, the primary focus is to observe and collect information relevant to the purpose. More time and effort is spent on this, and consequently less time is devoted to getting from one place to another. The journeying aspect in an exploration remains significant, with a minimum of one third of the planned activity hours being spent on journeying.

For example: A team may be keen rock climbers, so may choose to undertake a survey of rock climbing routes in the Grampians, Victoria (where they would base camp). Australian native birds may be studied at school, and a group may choose to journey through Kakadu National Park (NT), and study the bird life as a main feature of their exploration.

3. Adventurous Project (GOLD ONLY) -The Adventurous Project is a journey that does not quite conform to the specific requirements of an expedition or exploration, although the aim and ethos remains the same. The Adventurous Project is at least as demanding and is often significantly more demanding than a standard expedition or exploration. Also, refer to 6.16 below

1. Consequently, the Adventurous Project is usually suited to those over 18 years of age as it tends to require more innovation, creativity and challenge than an expedition or exploration. It may also be a venture that can only be undertaken with less than four people or greater than seven group members. Note in some States or Territories Adventurous Projects may be restricted to Participants over the age of 18 eg for solo journeys. Please check with the relevant SAOA.
2. Before commencing an adventurous project, Participants must be adequately prepared, trained, and experienced prior to departure to ensure they can complete the adventurous project safely.
3. For example: A Participant may take part in a fauna study in the remote Tasmanian wilderness (in a group of 3 and relying on food drops), another
4. may undertake a sailing trip as part of an larger organised sailing even down the east coast of Australia. Other Participants may trek to Everest
5. Base Camp in Nepal or undertake an extended hike along the Camino pilgrimage trail in Spain with their group composition changing at various times.
6. All Adventurous Project proposals must first be approved by the Award Leader (on behalf of the Award Unit) and Adventurous Project proposals must be discussed with the local State/Territory Award Operating Authority to determine their suitability prior to it being undertaken.

Types of Adventurous Journey being considered in the application;	
Type of AJ;	Please circle Y/N
Expedition	Y / N
Exploration	Y / N
Adventurous Project	Y / N
Program Name:	Program Location:
Start Date of Program:	Finish Date of Program:
Adventurous Journey Type, <i>expedition, explorations or adventurous project?</i> :	
Activity(s) being undertaken:	

SECTION 1B- Adventurous Journey Requirements
<p>1. At the heart of the Adventurous Journey, is the opportunity for a young person to engage in activities that require determination, physical effort, perseverance, problem solving and cooperation. It is intended that all who undertake this Section of the Award, are rewarded with a unique, challenging and memorable experience.</p> <p><i>Provide details in how this AJ will meet the following requirements, require determination, physical effort, perseverance, problem solving, cooperation with others.</i></p>
<p>2. Participants will experience team challenges throughout both the preparation and training, and the journeys themselves</p> <p><i>What challenges can you foresee that the Participants will require to overcoming in order to complete the AJ and preparation and training;</i></p>

3. <i>Personal dedication and perseverance are required for the Adventurous Journey, and some Participants may find the challenge is much harder than they anticipated.</i>
<i>From completing the proposed AJ, explain how the Participant will be required to show dedication and perseverance;</i>
4. <i>All Adventurous Journey requirements must be considered with reference to any applicable State or Territory Government requirements (policy or regulations), adventure activity standards and/or industry guidelines. Participants choose their type of Adventurous Journey and specific location etc, taking into account any requirements or limitations set by the Award Unit, <u>and must have their proposed Adventurous Journey approved by their Award Leader.</u></i>
<i>What State or Territory requirements are in place that the EAJP need to consider in the planning and running of this AJ?</i>

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Element Award HB	Requirements	Please provide evidence for the following elements, evidence must be listed in the boxes below, (please do not put see attached itinerary or see attached documents, it needs to be clearly referenced below)			
1	Have a clearly defined and agreed purpose/objective for each journey and this is approved by the Assessor or Award Leader	The Adventurous Journey is all about getting out and going on an expedition or exploration in an unfamiliar and challenging environment, with an agreed objective/purpose. Please provide details of the agreed purpose/objective here;			
2	All members of the group must be involved with the planning and training	<i>Provide details in how all participants are involved in the following process;</i>			
		<i>Planning;</i>			
		3	Be supervised and also assessed by suitably skilled, experienced and/or qualified Volunteer(s).	<i>Is the AJ Provider a child safe organisation Y. / N. (please circle)</i>	
				<i>Provide us with a list of the accompanying skilled/experienced and or qualified persons who will be supervising you on this program, these persons MUST also be the persons who accompany you one the program. They must all complete an Assessor Commencement guide.</i>	
Accompanying persons	skilled/experienced and or qualified Y/N			Has this person signed an ACG Y/N	



<p>4</p>	<p>Ensure there are a minimum of four (4) people in each Adventurous Journey group (with a maximum of seven (7)). Groups larger than 7 must be split into smaller sub-groups. Participants must identify themselves with their sub-group for all activities related to the journey.</p>	<p><i>Provide an outline of how the groups are formed, the ratio of Participants to AJ assessors. The Award defines a "group" as an independent self-contained party, that must maintain the group composition through the whole program. This includes traveling together, meal preparation, and overnight elements. Multiple groups on the same program must not be intermixed for the duration of the program. If there are multiple groups on program, provide evidence on how the groups will not intermix for the duration of the program;</i></p>		
<p>5</p>	<p>Endeavour to undertake their Adventurous Journey(s) with peer group equals who will make decisions together.</p>	<p>How will this element be met?</p>		
<p>6</p>	<p>Ensure both the Practice and Qualifying Journeys are undertaken only on land and/or water (in or on water) in an unfamiliar and challenging environment and:</p>	<p>Define how the planned route is in an unfamiliar environment;</p>		



	<p>Define how the planned route will challenge the participant;</p>	
<p>a. are of a similar nature (eg terrain and climate conditions), difficulty and duration, and Application</p>	<p><i>Is the practice and qualifying journey of a similar nature;</i></p> <p>*if this application is for a qualifying journey and the EAJP is unaware of the Participants Practice AJ, YouthAdvance will cross reference the Participants practice AJ with their practice EAYP AJ Request</p>	
	Practice Journey	Qualifying Journey
	Location of Practice AJ:	Location of Qualifying AJ:
	Terrain Type:	Terrain Type:
	Climate Conditions:	Climate Conditions:
	Difficulty:	Difficulty:
	Duration:	Duration:
<p>b. are in a similar environment (but not over the same route),</p>	<p>Please provide the map and route plan for the proposed AJ. If this is application for Qualifying AJ, we also require the map and route plan for the participants practice for comparison;(attach maps and route plans)</p>	
	<p>Notes</p>	
<p>c. use the same mode or combination of modes of travel (Eg canoeing, walking etc). Refer to 6.9 and 6.11 of the Award handbook for more information, and</p>	Practice Journey	Qualifying Journey
	Modes of travel:	Modes of travel:
<p>d. require substantial individual effort in the journeying.</p>	<p>Define the substantial individual efforts that you will contribute to the group as a whole, participants cannot just go with the flow; <i>each participant must be able to demonstrate involvement in a role or responsibility that is integral to the group's success.</i></p>	

	<p>Only utilise simple self-catering accommodation (eg shelters, tents, hostels) and be largely self sufficient throughout the journey.</p>	<p>What sort of accommodation will the participants be using, are they largely self-sufficient?</p>																				
	<p>Ensure the Qualifying Adventurous Journey meets the minimum time requirements for the chosen level of the Award as outlined in the table below. *YA stipulates that both the practice and Qualifying journey meet the following minimum time requirements</p>	<p>Provide an hourly itinery showing the "purposeful effort" hours (Please no not put see attached document, the hours MUST be layout out bellow)</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> TIME REQUIREMENTS </div> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Level</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Days</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Nights</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Minimum total hours purposeful* effort</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Minimum average hours purposeful *effort per day</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Bronze</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Silver</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gold</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">32</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Purposeful effort means time spent towards accomplishing the purpose or objective of the journey. Time associated with sleeping, cooking and eating is in addition to this time. Note that ALL levels require Participants to undertake sufficient preparation and training to ensure all journeys are safe.</p>	Level	Days	Nights	Minimum total hours purposeful* effort	Minimum average hours purposeful *effort per day	Bronze	2	1	12	6	Silver	3	2	21	7	Gold	4	3	32	8
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QUALIFYING - PROGRAM ITINERY						
		Time	If Back to back - Rest Day Y/N	Day 1	Day 2 – Bronze Finish	Day 3 – Silver Finish
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13	upon completion of the Qualifying Journey a Journey Report is to be submitted or presented to the Assessor. Note a log is required for both Practice and Qualifying Journeys.	Please ensure during your program debriefs that you inform the Participants that YouthAdvance requires a AJ report of both their Practice and Qualifying AJ. The Awards AJ Report template which can be found here https://dukeofed.com.au/resource/nsw-award-written-aj-report-templates/				
14	Undertake activities substantially in their own time. This means that whilst some activity may take place within school,	Provide details on how this activity is being undertaken in ones own time;				
					
					
					

	university or work hours, most of it should occur outside of these scheduled times, noting that Award Leaders should take into consideration all of the participants Award activities and not determined "substantial" on a activity basis. See the Award Handbook Glossary for definition of Substantial.	
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SECTION 1D – Preparation and Training

Undertake preparation and training which is relevant to their planned journeys and skill level. Note: Sufficient and appropriate preparation and training is required at each level of the Award to ensure all journeys undertaken with confidence by the Participants.

1. It is worth emphasising that an Adventurous Journey, by its nature, contains an element of risk. It is important that this risk is properly identified, assessed and managed to reduce the likelihood of an accident or emergency occurring, and decrease the consequences if an accident or emergency occurs. The key to this is the proper preparation and training of the Participants so that they can safely undertake their Practice Journey and then their more independent Qualifying Journey. The safety of all those taking part is a priority.
2. Training is required to enable Participants to safely undertake their chosen or agreed upon journey, unless they are already highly skilled in the necessary techniques. More commonly, Participants will need considerable preparation and training to plan and safely execute an independent journey.
3. Any preparation and training of Participants is to be conducted by a suitably experienced and/or qualified person Consideration needs to be given to any relevant State/Territory legislation, adventure activity standards and/or industry guidelines.
4. After training, the Assessor must be satisfied that the group is able to competently carry out their Practice Journey in a safe and self-reliant manner and the following competencies will require signoff and/or training, (relevant to the type of journey or environment, prior to the Practice Journey:

Please provide evidence that the following will be completed in the Preparation and Training, this may include a schedule for the day, resources used, a completed risk assessment, websites viewed, manuals, briefs.

Preparation and Training Requirements		
Element	Evidence supplied Y/N	In which document (attached)
understanding of the Adventurous Journey planned to be undertaken.		
first aid and emergency procedures (relevant to the type of journey or environment).		
safety and safe practice		
route planning and navigation (use of maps, compass/navigation aids or street/urban directories).		
campcraft/accommodation and hygiene.		
team work, problem solving and leadership training.		
meal planning, preparation of food and cooking.		
environmental awareness and care.		
necessary equipment and how to use it.		
technical skills in the mode of travel eg. bike tyre repairs or knots.		
observation and recording skills.		



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SECTION 2A - Participants Personal Details			
First Name:		Surname:	
Street Address:			
Email Address:		Participants Mobile:	
If under 18, Parent or Guardians Name:			
Parent or Guardians Email:		Parent or Guardians Mobile:	
Participants YouthAdvance Award Leaders Name:			
SECTION 2B – Participants Practice AJ – (only required if this is a Qualifying AJ)			
1	Undertake sufficient Practice Journeys to ensure that the Qualifying Journey is safe. At least one Practice Journey is required at each level of the Award.	Provide details of the practice journey;	
		Location of Practice AJ:	
		Terrain Type:	
		Climate Conditions:	
		Difficulty:	
		Duration:	
		Please attached the program maps, route plan and your AJ Report or contact details for the organisation you who coordinated your AJ for you.	
		Documents attached supplied as part of this application are as followed	
		Documents	Attached Y / N
		Map	
Route Plan			
Practice AJ Report			
Notes,			
SECTION 2C – Parental / Guardian Consent			
1	Obtain written parent/guardian consent prior to departing on each journey (if they are under the age of 18).	<i>Parents please read the written parent/guardian consent below and sign;</i>	
		I give permission for my child, named above to attend the expedition at the venue and dates as specified on the program details section. I accept the arrangements as outlined above. I accept and acknowledge the risks associated with this program. I acknowledge that YouthAdvance has no control over governance over EAJP and therefore YouthAdvace cannot guarantee that the information provided in this document will be executed as communicated and outlined in this document. From this, if the program as specified in this document is modified without notification to and approved by YouthAdvance prior, YouthAdvance will not be held responsible for any lost funds or the AJ being deemed "not approved" by YouthAdvance and or the State Awards Office.	
Parent/Guardians Name		Signature	
		Date	

Completion and Submission

*The completion of this form meets this requirement, this form must be submitted no less than 15 days prior to the first planned activity. **Note: Activities such as a tourist trip or family holiday are not appropriate, as are some school camps see 6.17 for more information.***

Once completed please submit this form via the following Link [EAJP AJ request Application](#) Ensure you complete the E-Form in its entirety and make payment, failure to complete the E-Form or make payment can delay your application from being processed in a timely fashion (7 work days).

If you have any questions, please contact the YouthAdvance National Office

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