

Personal Performance Awards Final Recommendation Guidance

British Canoeing Awarding Body is committed to delivering world leading qualifications and awards, ensuring high standards of experience and knowledge in all the disciplines represented. This document is to assist Coaches and Leaders working towards becoming Providers.

Essential

To ensure the continual provision of a high standard of delivery, British Canoeing Awarding Body is committed to make sure that appropriate paddlers can deliver the awards. Providers that can deliver awards are key in ensuring consistency of standard and delivery. Providing mentoring and support will create a climate that aspirant Providers can grow and develop in an appropriate way.

There is no Logbook process, aspirant Providers are encouraged to actively consider their development towards becoming a Provider.

It is acknowledged that individuals working towards becoming a Provider have different levels of experience, knowledge and skills. It is recommended that a development plan is considered to gain experience, working with different Providers and in different environments. For anyone new to providing British Canoeing Awarding Body Awards, it may be useful to construct a development plan with a more experienced Provider.

Before a Final Recommendation is submitted to the relevant Delivery Centre Coaching Manager, the Provider must be confident that they have seen the appropriate skills, delivery and behaviours that are aligned to the ethos of the Personal Performance Awards.

Some of the awards can be obtained in a variety of craft and the aspirant Provider will need to demonstrate skills, rescues and understanding of the different craft that could be presented for each of the awards. The Final Recommendation can only be submitted if the Provider is confident of this and that it reflects the nature of the award.

Accredited Prior Learning (APL)

British Canoeing Awarding Body recognise that some coaches do not hold the qualifications listed but are highly experienced, skilled and knowledgeable within specific award areas and would want to obtain Provider roles.

British Canoeing Awarding Body promote and support APL and would encourage a coach or leader with appropriate recorded evidence to consider APL as a viable option to be able to work towards becoming a Provider through the Final Recommendation process.

APL applications must be fully approved by their Delivery Centre Coaching Managers before a Final Recommendation can be obtained.

Who can submit a Final Recommendation?

The following table shows who can endorse [Final Recommendations](#) for aspirant Providers to their Delivery Centre Coaching Manager. Checks will then be made to ensure that all the appropriate credentials are held, including:

- In date Membership
- Valid and current First Aid Training
- Current Safeguarding Training
- Continual Professional Development (CPD) evidenced.
- Personal Performance Award Provider eLearning completed.

For both Paddle Start and Paddle Discover there is no requirement for recommendation.

Paddle Awards	Min qualification that can deliver the award	Minimum qualification holders that can work towards becoming a Provider
Paddle Explore	Min: BCU Level 3 Coach/BC (UKCC) L2 Coach/Coach Award	Min: BCU Level 2 Coach / BC (UKCC) Level 1 / Paddlesport Instructor / Paddlesport Leader / Stand Up Paddleboard Instructor

Discipline Specific Awards	Min current role that can deliver the award	Minimum qualification that can work towards becoming a Provider
White Water Award	Coaching: BCU Level 3 Inland Coach BC MWE White Water Kayak Coach White Water Kayak Coach	Leadership: BC White Water Kayak Leader White Water OC1 Leader White Water Leader
Progressive White Water Award	Coaching: BCU Level 4 Inland Coach BC AWE White Water Kayak Coach White Water Kayak Coach (Advanced Water)	Leadership: BC Advanced White Water Kayak Leader Advanced White Water OC1 Leader Advanced White Water Leader
Advanced White Water Award	Coaching: BCU Level 5 Inland Coach BC AWE White Water Kayak Coach White Water Kayak Coach (Advanced Water)	Leadership: BC Advanced White Water Kayak Leader Advanced White Water OC1 Leader Advanced White Water Leader
Stadium White Water Award	Coaching: BCU Level 3 Inland Coach BC MWE White Water Kayak Coach White Water Kayak Coach Leadership: Stadium White Water Leader Provider	Leadership: BC White Water Kayak Leader White Water Leader Stadium White Water Leader
Progressive Stadium White Water Award		
Canoe Award	Coaching: BCU Level 3 Canoe Coach BC MWE Canoe Coach Open Water Canoe Coach White Water Canoe Coach	Leadership: BC Canoe Leader Canoe Open Water Leader and BC Canoe White Water Leader
Progressive Canoe Award	Coaching: BCU Level 4 Canoe Coach BC AWE Canoe Coach Open Water Canoe Coach (Advanced Water) White Water Canoe Coach (Advanced Water)	Leadership: BC Advanced Canoe Leader Advanced Canoe Open Water Leader and Advanced Canoe White Water Leader
Advanced Canoe Award	Coaching: BCU Level 5 Canoe Coach BC AWE Canoe Coach Open Water Canoe Coach (Advanced Water) White Water Canoe Coach (Advanced Water)	Leadership: BC Advanced Canoe Leader Advanced Canoe Open Water Leader and Advanced Canoe White Water Leader

Discipline Specific Awards	Min current role that can deliver the award	Minimum qualification that can work towards becoming a Provider
Surf Kayak Award	Coaching: BCU Level 3 Surf Coach BC MWE Surf Coach Surf Kayak Coach	Leadership: Surf Kayak Leader
Progressive Surf Kayak Award	Coaching: BCU Level 4 Surf Coach BC AWE Surf Coach Surf Kayak Coach(Advanced Water)	Leadership: Advanced Surf Kayak Leader
Advanced Surf Kayak Award	Coaching: BCU Level 5 Surf Coach BC AWE Surf Coach Surf Kayak Coach(Advanced Water)	Leadership: Advanced Surf Kayak Leader
Sea Kayak Award	Coaching: BCU Level 3 Sea Coach BC MWE Sea Coach Sea Kayak Coach	Leadership: Sea Kayak Leader (tidal / non-tidal)
Coastal Sea Kayak Award	Coaching: BCU Level 4 Sea Coach BC AWE Sea Coach Sea Kayak Coach (Advanced Water)	Leadership: Advanced Sea Kayak Leader (tidal /non- tidal)
Advanced Sea Kayak Award	Coaching: BCU Level 5 Sea Coach BC AWE Sea Coach Sea Kayak Coach (Advanced Water)	Leadership: Advanced Sea Kayak Leader (tidal /non- tidal)
Touring Award	Coaching: BCU Level 3 Inland Coach	Leadership: Paddlesport Leader
Open Water Touring Award	BCU Level 3 Sea Coach BCU Level 3 Canoe Coach BCU Level 3 Placid Water Coach	
Multi Day Touring Award	BC MWE Touring Coach BC MWE White Water Kayak Coach BC MWE Sea Coach BC MWE Canoe Coach BC Canoe Coach Canoe and Kayak Coach (SW) White Water Kayak Coach Sea Kayak Coach	
	Leadership: BC 4 Star Touring Leader Paddlesport Touring Leader	
SUP Sheltered Water Award	Coaching: SUP Sheltered Water Coach SUP Open Water Coach SUP White Water Coach SUP Race Coach	Leadership: SUP Inland Open Water Leader SUP Coastal Leader SUP Coach

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SUP White Water Award	Coaching: SUP White Water Coach	Coaching: BCU Level 3 Inland Coach BCU Level 3 Canoe Coach BC MWE White Water Kayak Coach BC MWE Canoe Coach SUP White Water Coach White Water Kayak Coach White Water Canoe Coach Leadership: BC White Water Kayak Leader BC Canoe Leader White Water Leader Canoe White Water Leader AND SUP White Water Award Leadership: SUP White Water Leader
SUP Paddle Surf Award	SUP Paddle Surf Award Provider	Coaching: BCU Level 3 Surf Coach BC MWE Surf Coach Surf Kayak Coach Leadership: Surf Kayak Leader SUP Coastal Leader AND SUP Surf Award
Flat Water Freestyle Award	Freestyle Coach	Coaching: BCU Level 3 Inland Coach BC MWE White Water Kayak Coach White Water Kayak Coach Leadership: Stadium White Water Leader
Freestyle Award		
Advanced Freestyle Award		
Flat Water Raft Racing Award	Stadium Raft Guide BC River Raft Guide Raft Guide AND relevant Raft Racing Award	Stadium Raft Guide BC River Raft Guide Raft Guide
Stadium Raft Racing Award		
River Raft Racing Award		
Polo Explore Award	Polo Coach	Sheltered Water Coach with Polo DSM Attended a Coach Award Polo Coach DST
Polo Perform Award		
Polo Excel Award		
Racing Explore Award	Racing Coach (both pathways)	Attended a Coach Award Racing Coach DST
Racing Perform Award		
Racing Excel Award		
Slalom Explore Award	Slalom Coach (both pathways)	Attended a Coach Award Slalom Coach DST
Slalom Perform Award		
Slalom Excel Award		
Wild Water Racing Explore Award	Wild Water Racing Coach	Attended a Coach Award Wild Water Racing Coach DST
Wild Water Racing Perform Award		
Wild Water Racing Excel Award		