

YMCA Awards Level 2 Certificate In Introductory Work in the Outdoors (600/5129/2)

Purpose Statement

Overview

Who is this qualification for?

- Those looking to enter employment or preparing for a career in organising outdoor activities.
- Those who are currently working in organising outdoor activities and who wish to have their experience and knowledge recognised by a formal qualification
- Organisations seeking to train their staff to currently agreed nationally recognised occupational standards

What prior qualifications/levels of attainment are needed to take this qualification? Are there any age restrictions?

No previous experience or qualifications are required, however learners should be aged 16+ and have basic skills in communication pitched at Level 2 (discussing, presenting, reading and writing).

What does this qualification cover?

The YMCA Awards Level 2 Certificate In Introductory Work in the Outdoors is regulated by Ofqual and comprises of 2 mandatory units awarding a total of 5 credits plus further optional units to the value of a further 9 credits. The qualification therefore has a total credit value of 14 credits.

It should be noted that the optional units are divided in to groups and selections must be made from both (see below)

Mandatory units

- General Induction For Outdoor Centre Staff (3 credits)
- Essentials of Customer Care For Outdoor Centre Staff (2 credits)

Optional unit group 1 (1 unit must be selected from this group)

- Organising Participants At An Outdoor Centre (5 credits)
- Working in Hospitality And Support At An Outdoor Centre (5 credits)
- Organising An Activity Session At An Outdoor Centre (5 credits)
- Responding to Health Emergencies For Outdoor Centre staff (8 credits)

Optional unit group 2 (sufficient credits must be gained from this group to achieve a minimum of 14 credits in total)

- Promote, Health, Safety and Welfare In Active Leisure and Recreation (4 credits)
- Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Young People in Sport and Active Leisure (1 credit)
- Manage Personal Development (4 credits)
- Set up, Take Down and Store Activity Equipment (3 credits)
- Check and Service Activity Equipment (3 credits)
- Using trailers In The Workplace (2 credits)
- IT Software Fundamentals (3 credits)
- Administer Finance And Information (3 credits)
- Food Safety In Catering (1 credit)
- Cleaning In Active Leisure (1 credit)
- Support Children And Young People’s Play And Leisure (3 credits)
- Responding To Health Emergencies For Outdoor Centre staff (8 credits)

Key topics/skills/knowledge covered:

- Induction and customer care for outdoor centre staff
- Organising participants and activity sessions
- Hospitality and support at an outdoor centre
- Promoting, health, safety and welfare
- Responding to health emergencies in active leisure and recreation
- Safeguarding, protecting and supporting children and young people in sport and active leisure and play.
- Checking, setting up, taking down, store and service activity equipment
- Using trailers in the work place
- It software fundamentals
- Administer finance
- Food safety in catering

It equips learners with specialist knowledge, understanding and skills required to organise outdoor activities.

What could this qualification lead to?

Future employment possibilities

This qualification can lead to employment as an outdoor activities instructor within an outdoor centre and/or related occupational areas

Progression to further/higher level learning

This qualification provides progression to other qualifications at the same and higher levels, for example:

- Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Activity Leadership
- Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Active Leisure, Learning and Well-being Operational Services
- Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Leisure Management
- Intermediate Level Apprenticeship in Activity Leadership

Who supports this qualification?

This qualification is supported by REPs, an independent public Register which recognises the qualifications and expertise of health-enhancing exercise instructors in the UK. One of its key functions is to provide a system of regulation for instructors and trainers to ensure that they meet the Health and Fitness Industry's agreed national occupational standards. Read more about REPs here: <http://www.exerciseregister.org/about-reps/about-reps>