

BCU Coach and Leadership Registration Prerequisites



Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport:

The Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport is the entry point for most coaches coming into the BCU Coaching Scheme. The award is relevant to potential coaches from all paddlesport disciplines including coaches who may work with competitive and recreational paddlers.

At the point of registration the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award:	n/a
Relevant Safety Training:	n/a
First Aid Award:	n/a
Registration Fee:	£39 for BCU Comprehensive Members £55 for non-members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	n/a
Age:	16 years of age, or older

(BCU 2 Star in Canoe and Kayak (or Paddlepower Discover), and/or Foundation Safety and Rescue Training maybe required by the Course Director where not included within the training course programme).

Level 1 Transfer Course:

The Level 1 Transfer Course is designed for coaches who wish to transfer non-UKCC endorsed BCU Coaching Qualifications to the BCU UKCC Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport, it is available as bank- and boat-based option.

At the point of registration the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award:	2 Star in Canoe and Kayak, or Paddlepower Discover (Boat-based applicants only)
Relevant Safety Training:	Foundation Safety and Rescue or Canoe Safety Test (if achieved prior to 01/01/09)
First Aid Award:	n/a
Registration Fee:	£39 for BCU Comprehensive Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	Any BCU Coach Qualification
Age:	16 years of age, or older

Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport:

The Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport builds on the foundation coaching skills learnt at Level 1. The award is relevant to potential coaches from all paddlesport disciplines including coaches who may work with competitive and recreational paddlers, it is available as bank- and boat-based options.

At the point of registration for training the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award:	2 Star in Canoe and Kayak, or Paddlepower Discover AND 3 Star in any discipline (Boat-based applicants only)
Relevant Safety Training:	Foundation Safety and Rescue or Canoe Safety Test (if achieved prior to 01/01/09)
First Aid Award:	n/a
Registration Fee:	£39 for BCU Comprehensive Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	BCU UKCC Level 1, or 'old' BCU Level 2 Trainee or above
Age:	17 years of age, or older

Level 2 Transfer Course:

The Level 2 Transfer Course is designed for coaches who wish to transfer non-UKCC endorsed BCU Coaching Qualifications to the BCU UKCC Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport. It is available as bank- and boat-based options.

At the point of registration for training the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award:	2 Star in Canoe and Kayak, or Paddlepower Discover AND 3 Star in any discipline (Boat-based applicants only)
Relevant Safety Training:	Foundation Safety and Rescue or Canoe Safety Test (if achieved prior to 01/01/09)
First Aid Award:	n/a
Registration Fee:	£39 for BCU Comprehensive Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	'old' BCU Level 2 Coach or above
Age:	17 years of age, or older

BCU Moderate Water Endorsement:

The BCU Moderate Water is designed for coaches who wish to coach in a moderate water environment. Awards are available in Whitewater, Canoe, Sea, and Surf.

At the point of registration for training the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award:	4 Star Leader in the discipline concerned
First Aid Award:	Recognised 8 Hour First Aid (inc CPR) within last 3 years
Registration Fee:	£17.50 for BCU Comprehensive Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	BCU UKCC Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport
Age:	18 years of age, or older

BCU Level 5 Coach Training:

Qualified BCU Level 5 Coaches are recognised as a cadre of competent, experienced, motivated paddlesport coaches with a depth and wealth of knowledge, who can be relied upon to provide practical coaching, advice and guidance up to the highest level. The qualification is available in Open Canoe, Sea, Surf, and Whitewater Kayaking.

Whilst the necessary registration prerequisites are listed below, it should also be noted that the BCU Level 5 Coach training course is the start of a coach education program for experienced, practicing, recreational paddlesport coaches with over 3 years of experience *'in the field'*. Candidates benefit most from this course if they have attended a BCU coaching processes course, (within 2 years of the training course) and have been applying those coaching skills regularly in an advanced setting for a minimum 6 month period prior to the course.

At the point of registration for training the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award:	5 Star Leader Award in the discipline concerned An alternative 4 Star, or 4 Star Leader Award
First Aid Award:	Recognised 16 Hour First Aid (inc. CPR) within last 3 years
Registration Fee:	£17.50 for BCU Comprehensive Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	BCU Level 3 Coach Award, and Coaching Process Course
Age:	21 years of age, or older

BCU 4 Star Leader Assessment:

The BCU 4 Star Leader Award is designed for those who wish to lead in a moderate water environment. Awards are available in White Water, Canoe, Sea, and Surf. Registration is not required prior to training.

At the point of registration for assessment the following prerequisites in the relevant discipline are required:

Relevant Leadership Training:	4 Star Leader training within previous 3 years OR 'old' Level 3 trainee status within 3 years in the discipline concerned.
Relevant Safety Training:	BCU White Water Safety & Rescue* (for Open Canoe and White Water), BCU Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning ⁺ (for Sea)
First Aid Award:	Recognised 8 Hour First Aid (inc. CPR) within last 3 years
Registration Fee:	£10.00 for BCU Comprehensive Members, £20 for others
Age:	16 years of age, or older

BCU 5 Star Leader Assessment:

The BCU 5 Star Leader Award is designed for those who wish to lead in an advanced water environment. Awards are available in White Water, Canoe, Sea, and Surf. Registration is not required prior to training.

At the point of registration for assessment the following prerequisites in the relevant discipline are required:

Relevant Leadership Training:	5 Star Leader training within previous 3 years OR 'old' 5 star training within previous 3 years in the discipline concerned. (Where 'old' 5 Star training is used, the minimum days required as stated in the new syllabi must be met)
Relevant Safety Training:	
Whitewater:	BCU Advanced White Water Safety & Rescue (or 2 days formal safety and rescue training delivered by a registered BCU 5 Star Leader White Water Provider if completed prior to 01/10/10)
Sea:	BCU Open Water Navigation and Tidal Planning (or 2 days specific training on Open Water Navigation and Tidal Planning from a registered BCU 5 Star Leader Sea Provider ⁺)
Surf:	BCU Advanced Surf Safety & Rescue
First Aid Award:	Recognised 16 Hour First Aid (inc. CPR) within last 3 years
Registration Fee:	£10.00 for BCU Comprehensive Members, £20 for others
Age:	18 years of age, or older

* Rescue 3 course - White Water Rescue Technician is also acceptable

⁺ Some similar NGB structured theoretical navigation course are also acceptable – details of eligible courses are available from the Home Nation Association Websites

Discipline Specific Support Modules

The Discipline Supporting Modules are aimed at current coaches who may wish to Coach Racing or Slalom. (Polo, Freestyle, Wildwater Racing also available soon).

At the point of registration the following prerequisites are required:

Registration Fee:	£17.50 for BCU Comprehensive Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	Any BCU Coaching Qualification
Age:	16 years of age, or older

* Rescue 3 course - White Water Rescue Technician is also acceptable

+ Some similar NGB structured theoretical navigation course are also acceptable – details of eligible courses are available from the Home Nation Association Websites