

## BCU Safety Awards – Become a Training Provider

This document outlines the pre-requisites and steps required to register as a provider of the BCU Safety Awards. This document supersedes any previous documents detailing the pre-requisites and steps required to deliver the safety awards.

For details of staffing requirements and ratios, please refer to the latest version of the BCU Staffing Requirements and Ratios document, available from the BCU or Home Nation websites. BCU Safety Awards may only be conducted by those **qualified and registered** to do so.

In all cases, candidates wishing to register as providers of the safety awards must hold current Home Nation membership, valid first aid and in-date revalidation date.

### Foundation Safety & Rescue

In order to register as a FSRT Provider, candidates must meet one of the following criteria before registering:

- 1) Former CST providers in **both Canoe and Kayak** are able to register as a FSRT Provider without further training..
- 2) Former **single discipline CST providers**, who also hold their alternative (kayak or canoe) 3 Star Award are also able to register without further training.
- 3) Former **single discipline CST providers**, who do not hold their alternative 3 Star Award are required to attend a half day orientation day delivered by Home Nation.

The above options are only available until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009

- 4) Candidates who were **not previously a CST provider** are required to complete the following:
  - a) Hold the pre-requisites
    - i) Either BCU Level 3 Coach, plus alternative kayak or canoe 3 star award
    - ii) Or BCU (UKCC) Level 2 held for a minimum of 3 years, plus alternative kayak or canoe discipline 3 star award.
  - b) Obtain a Provider Logbook from Home Nation
  - c) Attend a one day FSRT Provider Training day, delivered by Home Nation association.
  - d) Complete an action plan, including working on or observing courses with existing providers
  - e) Assessed Delivery – arrange for an existing provider to assess your delivery of a BCU FSRT Course.
  - f) Return completed logbook to Home Nation for verification and registration as a FSRT Provider.

There are currently no specific update requirements for delivery of this course. However, Providers are expected to be current with relevant safety skills and techniques being taught.

### White Water Safety & Rescue

In order to register as a WWSR Provider, candidates must meet one of the following criteria before registering:

- 1) Former WWSR providers of the old course who have run at least one course since January 2006 are required to :

- a) Attend a one day orientation delivered by Home Nation. The training day will run through the new WWSR syllabus and trainers notes with at least half a day spent practically on the water, ensuring that providers are conversant with safety issues, key learning points and are able to provide accurate demonstrations. The outcomes of this day will be one of the following:
  - i) Participant clearly at appropriate standard to run WWSR course: A course schedule should be returned to Home Nation for the candidates to be registered as WWSR Providers.
  - ii) Participant not yet ready to run WWSR courses: Participant should be provided with an action plan, recorded in a BCU WWSR Provider logbook. Once they have completed the action plan they should present themselves for an assessed delivery by another BCU WWSR Provider, then forward their completed logbook to their Home Nation.

The above option is only available until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

- 2) Candidate who were not previously a WWSR provider or providers of the old course are who have not delivered since January 2006 required to complete the following:
  - a) Hold the pre-requisites:
    - i) Either BCU Level 3 Coach or BCU (UKCC) Level 3 Coach (white water or open canoe) or BCU (UKCC) Level 2 Coach with Moderate Water Endorsement (white water or open canoe)
    - ii) plus 5 star award (white water or open canoe, 'old' or Leader) which has been held for 3 years .
  - b) Obtain a provider logbook from Home Nation
  - c) Attend orientation training course delivered by Home Nation (2 days). This course is spent running through the WWSR syllabus and trainers notes, with at least half of the course spent on the water, ensuring that participants are conversant with the safety issues, key learning points and are able to provide accurate demonstrations. Participants design their own action plan that is discussed and agreed with their training provider. The action plan is written into their BCU WWSR Provider Logbook. A training provider will sign the logbook to verify training has been completed.
  - d) Complete an action plan, including working on / observing courses with existing providers. For candidates wishing to deliver the course in the craft for which they do not hold a 5 star, the action plan will include an extra days training in that craft. In addition, the action plan will contain the requirement to prepare a written risk assessment, which will be provided to the National Trainer. This risk assessment should form the basis of the risk disclosure that WWSR Providers will provide for their students. A BCU template is available on request.
  - e) Assessed Delivery – arrange for an existing provider who has delivered at least 3 courses in the previous 3 years to assess your delivery of a BCU WWSR Course.
  - f) Return completed logbook to Home Nation for verification and registration as a WWSR Provider.

To remain current and registered, WWSR Providers are required to deliver at least one course every 3 years. Providers who have been unable to maintain their currency can assist as a suitably experienced assistant on a BCU course to reinstate their Provider status, ensuring their name appears on the course schedule.

Providers who fail to do either of the above within 4 years will be considered as lapsed and must re-attend a 2 day re-orientation course or other action plan as deemed necessary by Home Nation.

In addition, Providers must also fulfil an update requirement every 3 years. There are two avenues for updating:

- 1) Attend a 1 day update training event delivered by a Home Nation Trainer.
- 2) Deliver a WWS&R course alongside a Home Nation Trainer.

### **Advanced White Water Safety & Rescue**

In order to register as a AWWSR Provider, candidates must meet the following criteria before registering:

- Hold BCU Level 5 Coach Inland Kayak (with valid update status)
- Be a current experienced WWSR provider (have delivered a minimum of 3 courses in the last 3 years)
- Attend 2-day training course (Delivered by BCU AdWWSR Trainer). You will be required to provide evidence of current skills in applications of rope work in steep and difficult ground. An individual action plan will be agreed at the end of training. (This training may be via a specific BCU provider training course, or alternatively by shadowing a BCU AdWWSR Trainer running a course).
- Appointed as course director by Home Nation upon recommendation from BCU AdWWSR Trainer on fulfilment of action plan
- Hold a valid 16 hour first aid award (recorded on membership record)

Individuals who have alternative qualifications and/or experience are able to apply for accredited prior learning through the normal BCU APL procedures.

### Remaining current as a AdWWSR Provider

In order to ensure that course directors remain current they are required to:

- Deliver a minimum of 3 courses in a three year period. (Delivery can be as, Course Director, second staff, or as an Observer)
- Hold a valid 16 hour first aid award (recorded on membership record)
- Attend a specific BCU AdWWSR provider update every 3 years.  
There are two avenues for updating;
  1. Attend a 1-day update-training event delivered by a BCU AdWWSR Trainer
  2. Deliver an AdWWSR course alongside a BCU AdWWSR Trainer

Providers whose currency has expired have two years to complete the above requirements, after this they will be considered lapsed.

Individuals who have alternative qualifications and/or experience are able to apply for accredited prior learning through the normal BCU APL procedures.

(Remaining current as an AdWWSR provider also maintains the provider's currency to deliver WWSR courses)

### **Advanced Surf Safety & Rescue**

To be confirmed

### **Coastal Navigation & Tidal Planning**

In order to register as a CNTP Provider, candidates must meet one of the following criteria before registering:

- a) Candidates who hold the Level 4 and A4 Sea awards are able to register as a provider without further training.

- b) Candidates who do not hold the Level 4 and A4 awards are required to complete the following:
  - i) Hold the pre-requisites:
    - (1) BCU Level 3 Coach (Sea) or BCU (UKCC) Level 2 with Moderate Water Endorsement (Sea)
    - (2) 5 star sea award ('old' or Leader)
    - (3) Coach update status valid
    - (4) Be a Registered 3 Star Sea Assessor, and have run a 3 Star Sea assessment
    - (5) Have attended a VHF Course
    - (6) Have attended a Coastal Navigation Course within previous 3 years
  - ii) Obtain a Provider logbook from Home Nation
  - iii) Attend orientation training course delivered by Home Nation (1 day) or by attending a course delivered by a Home Nation Trainer.
  - iv) Complete an action plan, including working on or observing courses with existing providers
  - v) Assessed Delivery – arrange for an existing provider to assess your delivery of a BCU CNTP Course.
  - vi) Return completed logbook to Home Nation for verification and registration as a CNTP Provider.

To remain current and registered, CNTP Providers are required to deliver at least one course every 3 years. Providers who have been unable to maintain their currency can assist as a suitably experienced assistant on a BCU course to reinstate their Provider status, ensuring their name appears on the course schedule.

Providers who fail to do either of the above within 4 years will be considered as lapsed and must re-attend a 1 day re-orientation course or other action plan as deemed necessary by Home Nation.

### **Open Water Navigation & Tidal Planning**

In order to register as a OWNTP Provider, candidates must meet one of the following criteria before registering:

- a) Candidates who hold the Level 5 and A5 Sea awards are able to register as a provider without further training.
- b) Candidates who do not hold the Level 5 and A5 awards are required to complete the following:
  - i) Hold the pre-requisites:
    - (1) BCU Level 5 Coach (Sea)
    - (2) Coach update status valid
    - (3) Be registered as a 4 Star Leader – Sea provider
    - (4) Be registered as a Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning Provider
    - (5) Have run a 4 Star Leader – Sea Assessment
    - (6) Have attended a BCU Open Water Navigation and Tidal Planning course, or RYA equivalent within previous 3 years
  - ii) Obtain a Provider logbook from Home Nation
  - iii) Attend orientation training course delivered by Home Nation (1 day) or by attending a course delivered by a Home Nation Trainer.
  - iv) Complete an action plan, including working on or observing courses with existing providers
  - v) Assessed Delivery – arrange for an existing provider to assess your delivery of a BCU OWNTP Course.

- vi) Return completed logbook to Home Nation for verification and registration as a OWNTP Provider.

To remain current and registered, OWNTP Providers are required to deliver at least one course every 3 years. Providers who have been unable to maintain their currency can assist as a suitably experienced assistant on a BCU course to reinstate their Provider status, ensuring their name appears on the course schedule.

Providers who fail to do either of the above within 4 years will be considered as lapsed and must re-attend a 1 day re-orientation course or other action plan as deemed necessary by Home Nation.

### **To become a Tutor of Provider Training for Safety Awards**

In order to Tutor of the various Provider Training courses as listed above application should be made to the appropriate Home Nation Coaching Committee. Home Nations may also advertise a vacancy and invite applications.

This application should be made in writing, detailing your reason for applying and listing your appropriate skills and experience including:

- Be a current provider with 5 years experience of delivery of the course you wish to Tutor, or equivalent
- Be a qualification level above that required as a Training Provider (with the exception of the courses that require the Training Provider to be a Level 5 Coach)

Appointment will be made by the Home Nation Coaching Committee and be contingent on:

- Identified demand for additional providers in region
- A successful application