

Learning requirements for the role of...

Section leader or Assistant Section Leader

This vital role requires you to fully understand:

- The fundamentals of Scouting
- How we ensure we do Scouting in an inclusive and safe manner
- How to provide Inspiring Programmes to young people

If you are a new leader to Scouting it is likely that you will benefit from more of the learning to help you feel prepared, comfortable and capable.

As a leader changing roles, or an Adult returning to Scouting, you may find that through discussion with your Training Advisor, you may only need to carry out learning in certain areas. You will need to demonstrate your knowledge, skills and attitude in all of the areas below in order to be validated.

You can see a full list of the modules that you need to validate in order to be awarded your Wood Badge at the bottom of the page. It makes it more manageable to think of the training that you may need in blocks of training that will help you feel as though you really can be at your best.

It can look a little overwhelming, but over the first three years in your new Scouting role, you will learn many of the skills and much of the knowledge that will enable you to deliver Inspiring Programmes to young people in a safe and fun manner.

You will receive lots of support from your line manager (your Group Scout Leader) and your Training Advisor (TA). Your TA will help you understand which of the modules below you have to complete, which ones will be really beneficial and those that they agree with you that you have some prior learning that can help.

Initial Induction – This should be completed in your first 5 months in your new role.

- Module 2 – Your personal learning plan (a discussion with your training advisor)
- Module 1 – Essential Information (about 3hrs in a face to face workshop, run locally)
- Module 3 – Tools for the role (30 mins online learning)
- Safeguarding – Young People First – how we keep young people safe from harm (a 3hr face to face workshop, run locally)
- Safety – How we ensure Scouting stays safe (an online module)
- First Response – A one day First aid training workshop

Building on the basics – These modules of learning will help you understand why we do what we do and introduce you to some of the key things that make Scouting so brilliant for 500,000 people in the UK. These ideally are completed within 9 months of starting your new role.

- Module 5 – Fundamentals of Scouting
- Module 6 – Changes in Scouting
- Module 12A – Delivering the quality programme

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Working effectively with others – In Scouting we work in leadership teams, so understanding how to make the most of these relationships will help you together provide amazing Scouting experiences. You should aim to validate this in your first 12 – 18 months in role.

- Module 8 – Skills of leadership
- Module 9 – Working with adults

Delivering Amazing programmes – These modules will help you build on the knowledge gained in your induction and understanding the programme and our fundamentals. These practical modules will help you learn how to plan your programmes and engage young people when helping them learn new skills. Aim to validate this within 2 years of starting your new role.

- Module 12B – Programme planning
- Module 18 – Practical skills
- Module 19 – International

Supporting Young People – Young people have evolved and changed over the 100 years that Scouting has been available to meet their needs. These modules will help you learn how we can promote positive behaviour and adapt what we do to ensure that Scouting stays relevant for every young person. They will then join, enjoy and stay! Aim to validate these modules within your first 3 years in role.

- Module 13 – Growing the section
- Module 14 – Supporting young people
- Module 15 – Promoting positive behaviour

Scouting at its best – Why do adults and young people join Scouting? Many join for the outdoor activities that we get to experience including camps, trips and adventurous activities. In Scouting we are proud of how we do all of these things safely. To support you in making the most of these activities with your Young People, we recommend validating the following two modules within your first 3 years.

- Module 16 – Introduction to Residential Experiences
- Module 17 – Running safe activities

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Table of modules to be validated in your first three years

Module	Name	Approx. time to learn	Learning completed by Best method <i>Alternatives</i>	Delivered
1	Essential information	3 hrs	Face to face <i>Online</i>	Locally
2	Personal learning plan	N/A	TA discussion	Locally
3	Tools for the role	30 mins	Online	Online
5	Fundamentals of Scouting	2 hrs	Face to face <i>Online</i>	Course – Building on the basics
6	Changes in Scouting	1 hr	Face to face <i>Online</i>	Course – Building on the basics
7	Scouting for all	2 ½ hrs	Face to face	Course – Getting it right
8	Skills of leadership	3 hrs	Face to face	Course – Being a great leader
9	Working with adults	3 hrs	Face to face	Course – Being a great leader
10	First Response (First aid)	6 hrs	Face to face (only)	Locally
11	Administration	3 hrs	Face to face <i>Workbook</i>	Course – Getting it right
12A	Delivering the quality programme	3 hrs	Face to face <i>Online</i>	Course – Building on the basics
12B	Programme planning	3 hrs		Course – Amazing programmes
13	Growing the section	2 ½ hrs		Course – Supporting young people
14	Supporting young people	2 ½ hrs		Course – Supporting young people
15	Promoting positive behaviour	2 ½ hrs		Course – Supporting young people
16	Introduction to residential experiences	3 hrs		Course – Scouting at its best
17	Running safe activities	3 hrs		Course – Scouting at its best
18	Practical skills	2 hrs		Course – Amazing programmes
19	International	2 ½ hrs		Course – Amazing programmes
Safeguarding – “Young People First”		3 hrs	Face to face	Locally
Safety		30 mins	Online	Online
Total over 3 years (approx.)		51 hrs 30 mins		