

AAIAC Statement – update 7th May 2020

Following further review during this time of change the Adventure Activities Industry Advisory Committee has worked with and listened to partner organisations across the sector including BAPA and AHOEC. We have welcomed the Joint Statement to Schools from the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, the Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel, Expedition Providers Association and the School Travel Forum. We have tried to shape our approach to the current crisis on the principles outlined in that statement which can be found [here](#).

Accreditation inspections are currently postponed pending new government guidance.

Providers who hold Adventuremark and / or the Learning Outside of the Classroom Quality Badge (in the Adventure sector) and whose accreditation is due for renewal between 23rd March 2020 and 31st of July 2020 will continue to be accredited, subject to payment of the appropriate fee and completion of the Interim Provider Declaration.

Providers who renew during the above period will be accredited for a 15-month period from the date on which their renewal was due or the date on which they paid their accreditation fee (whichever is the earlier).

This means that Providers have two options:

Option 1: Renew their accreditation when it falls due. This keeps accreditations valid and current. Inspection (if required) will be scheduled when possible.

Option 2: Decide not to renew their accreditation when it falls due. This means that accreditation(s) will lapse and a new application will need to be submitted by the Provider at a time of their choosing in the future. Inspection will be undertaken when possible and by agreement.

If your accreditation falls due after 1st August 2020 you have 3 options:

Option 1: Renew their accreditation when it falls due. This keeps accreditations valid and current. Inspection (if required) will be scheduled when possible.

Option 2: Decide not to renew their accreditation when it falls due. This means that accreditation(s) will lapse and a new application will need to be submitted by the Provider at a time of their choosing in the future. Inspection will be undertaken when possible and by agreement.

Option 3: Renew before the 1st of August and benefit from 15-months of accreditation.

No new applications will be accepted until inspections can once again be undertaken.

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