

# The Hong Kong Award For Young People

## Brief Introduction of the Scheme

The Hong Kong Youth Award Scheme (formerly known as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme) is a member of the International Youth Awards Association. The reward scheme has a set of internationally established principles that motivate young people to develop a spirit of challenge and perseverance by fulfilling the requirements of the badge or award.



Silver



Bronze

## Reward level

There are three levels of awards, namely, bronze, silver and gold. Participants can participate directly in any level or join progressively but must meet the age requirements for each of the levels to be allowed to participate. The relevant age requirements are elaborated in the table on the next page.

In addition, participants must complete all their activities before the 25th birthday. Upon passing the assessment, they will be awarded with a certificate and a medal.

## Details of the Scheme

- There are four Sections of Activities in each of the levels including Service, Expeditions, Skills and Physical Recreation while the Gold Level needs an additional Section called Residential Project. Participants must satisfy the requirements of each Section in order to receive the Award.
- The Service Section is designed to encourage participants to serve others. Participants can choose to participate in community services, first aid, child care, lifesaving, fire prevention services, animal care, nature conservation programmes, etc. in order to satisfy the requirement of this Section.
- The Expeditions Section aims to develop the physical strength and will power of the participants and their spirit of exploration and discovery. Participants can choose to plan in groups and complete a trip with a clear purpose on foot or by bicycle, canoe, sailing, etc.

- The Skills Section encourages participants to discover and develop their personal interests, social and practical skills. Participants can satisfy the requirements of this Section by participating in activities involving arts and crafts, computers, languages, collections, music, recreation and living arts.
- The Physical Recreation Section encourages participants to engage actively in recreational and sports activities. Participants can choose from activities like athletics, dance, yoga, swimming, orienteering, etc. The Physical Recreation Section is based on scores and one point is scored for every half an hour of activity, but not more than two points per week. At least 12 points should be obtained by training. The remaining points can be acquired by achieving status like "continue to participate" or "standard attained".
- The Residential Project Section encourages young people to participate in meaningful group activities and live with unfamiliar friends together to broaden their personal experience and improve their social skills. Participants can choose from work camps, instructor training classes, outreach training courses, service plans, leadership training, and sailing training, etc.
- The requirements of the five sections at each chapter are as follows:

	<b>Bronze Award</b>	<b>Silver Award</b>	<b>Gold Award</b>
<b>Requirements</b>	Aged 14 or above	Aged 15 or above	Aged 16 or above
<b>Service Section</b>	At least 15 hours, to be spread over at least three months	At least 30 hours, to be spread over at least six months	At least 100 hours, to be spread over at least twelve months
<b>Expeditions Section</b>	Two days and one night	Three days and two nights	Four days and three nights
<b>Skills Section</b>	Minimum of six months	Minimum of twelve months (Those completed Skills Section under Bronze Level can be reduced to six months)	Minimum of eighteen months (Those completed Skills Section under Silver Level can be reduced to twelve months)
<b>Physical Recreation Award</b>	24 points*	30 points*	36 points*

<b>Residential Project Award</b>	—	—	Continuous staying outside of home for five days and four nights
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- Download the Handbook for the Sections to learn more about the details of each of the Section and the requirements concerned:
  - (a) Handbook – Service Section (<http://www.ayp.org.hk/doc/ser-hb.pdf>)
  - (b) Handbook - Expeditions (<http://www.ayp.org.hk/doc/exp-hb.pdf>)
  - (c) Handbook – Skills (<http://www.ayp.org.hk/doc/sk-hb.pdf>)
  - (d) Handbook – Physical Recreation Section (<http://www.ayp.org.hk/doc/pr-hb.pdf>)
  - (e) Handbook – Residential Project Section (<http://www.ayp.org.hk/doc/rp-hb.pdf>)



#### Participation Levels at the Scout Section

Participants must attend a welcome orientation seminar held by the Association or the regional office and start an Award Scheme logbook before activities can commence. Participants in the Scout Section from the age of fourteen to sixteen may choose to start at the Bronze Award Level or directly pursue the Silver Award Level. In line with the training characteristics and programmes of the Scout Section, we recommend that the Scout Section participants commence at the Bronze Award Level. While the training programmes in the Scout Section are appropriate for the assessment of the relevant items under the Award Scheme, participants must also satisfy the specific requirements of each item in the Award Scheme. For further details, please refer to the relevant notes in the Outline or the Hong Kong Award for Young People The Scout Association of HK Operating Authority (<http://www.scout.org.hk/hkayp/>).

## Conversion Table for Badges and Awards with HKAYP

	<b>Proficiency Badges</b>	<b>Bronze Award</b>	<b>Silver Award</b>
<b>Service</b>	[Service] First Aider, Canoe Rescuer <sup>^</sup> , Lifesaver	Complete any one	Complete any one
	OR		
	[Interest] Librarian* [Service] Camp Warden, Disability Awareness, Quartermaster (Item I) [Others] Service Flash	Complete any one, including services of not less than 15 hours	Complete any one#, including services of not less than 30 hours in six months
<b>Skills</b>	[Interest] Collector, Cyclist, Smallholder (Item II or III)	Complete any one	Complete any one#
	OR		
	[Interest] Angler, Artist, Camp Cook, Librarian*, Model Maker, Musician, Naturalist, Photographer, Footdrill, Animal Care, Geologist [Pursuit] Astronomer, Batswain, Camperr, Communicator, Computer, Cook (Chinese Dishes), Craftsman, Electronics, Tree Carer, Map Maker, Mechanic, Meteorologist, Navigator, Observer, Pioneer, Backwoods Cook [Service] Conservator, Interpreter, Jobman, Pilot, Secretary, Civics [Sea Activity] Boatman, Coxswain's Mate, Coxswain [Air Activity] Junior Air Activity, Intermediate Air Activity, Senior Air Activity	Complete any one, with learning and practising of not less than 6 months	Complete any one#, with learning and practising of not less than 6 months
<b>Expeditions</b>	Complete any one of the following: • Basic training course on hiking of the Association; or • Map Reader Badge and Explorer Badge training courses organised by the hiking assessor of various levels of the Association.		Scouts can only be assessed after being promoted to the Venture Scout Section

<b>Physical Recreation</b>	[Interest] Canoeist, Rowing Boatman, Sailor, Windsurfer [Pursuit] Canoeist, Canoe Polo, International Racing Kayak, Race Helmsman, Sailor	Complete any one, and after completion continue in participation of the activity of not less than 6 weeks (with participating time of at least 2 hours every 2 weeks), the total time for the completion and continuous participation is not less than 12 hours	Complete any one#, and after completion continue in participation of the activity of not less than 6 weeks (with participating time of at least 2 hours every 2 weeks), the total time for the completion and continuous participation is not less than 15 hours
	OR		
	[Interest] Athlete, Dragon Boatman, Horseman, Park Orienteer, Swimmer, Archery [Pursuit] Archery, Master-at-arms, Orienteer, Skin Diver, Sportsman, Archery	Complete any one, with participation in the activity of not less than 12 weeks, including at least 2 hours every 2 weeks, meaning a total of not less than 12 hours	Complete any one#, with participation in the activity of not less than 15 weeks, including at least 2 hours every 2 weeks, meaning a total of not less than 15 hours

\*Proficiency Badge Librarian can only be matched as one item under Service Section or Skills Section

#Can only choose Proficiency Badges not used in the Award Scheme activities

^Proficiency Badge Canoe Rescuer cannot be used for Silver Award assessment