

**Scout Association of Hong Kong
Programme Branch**

Venture Scout Epaulettes Assessment Guidelines

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1. Organizing Body:

The assessment must be organized by a District, Region, or the Programme Branch.

2. Approval and Issuance of Letter of Acceptance:

The organizing body must obtain the approval of the following authorized personnel, before issuing a circular for Venture Scout Epaulettes Assessment:

a) District and Region

- Deputy Regional Commissioner (Programme / Programme and Training / Activity and Training); or

b) Association Headquarters

- Programme Commissioner.

3. Duration:

The total assessment period (planning meetings are not to be included) should not be less than:

a) One 3-day-2-night activity; or

b) One 2-day-1-night activity plus a 1-day activity.

4. Content:

Refer to the syllabus of the Activity Bar under the Dragon Scout Award in the Venture Scout Training Scheme. Depending on the nature of the skills, the whole assessment can be completed at one time or separated into several parts.

5. Assessment Venue:

All assessments should be carried out in appropriate venues. For example, assessment on Campcraft and Pioneering should be held outdoor such as designated campsites in Scout training grounds or in country parks.

6. Eligibility:

The Candidate must produce the certificates of relevant skills / qualification to certify that he / she has successfully completed the syllabus for the Activity Bar in the Dragon Scout Award. He / She should also achieve the following:

a) Venture Scout Award; or

b) The Activity Achievement Badge plus any one of the remaining Achievement Badges of the Venture Scout Award.

7. Candidate Capacity for Assessment Groups:

The maximum number of candidates should not be more than 24. They should be divided into groups of 4 to 6. For assessment held overnight, if a group consists of different genders, at least 2 candidates in that group should be of the same gender. Each group should have at least one leader with a valid Leader Warrant.

8. Assessor Group Composition and Attendance:

The Assessor Group must comprise one Chief Assessor, one First-Aider and a number of assessors. The Chief Assessor and the First Aider must be present for the whole assessment.

9. Qualification of Assessors:

- a) The Chief Assessor must be a Leader with a valid Leader Warrant and with Wood Badge (preferably Scout, Venture Scout, Rover Scout sections or Non-Sectional Leader, Commissioner);
- b) The First Aider must be an adult with a valid First Aid Certificate; and
- c) The Assessors should be warranted Scout leaders (preferably Venture Scout section) with the following qualification:
 1. Holder of Pioneering Course certificate (Leader) / Pioneering Level 1 Course certificate (Scoutcraft Accreditation Scheme); or
 2. Holder of Campcraft Course certificate (Leader) / Camping Level 1 Course certificate (Scoutcraft Accreditation Scheme).

10. Assessment certification and Bar Certificate:

- a) The organizing body should issue a letter of certification to a candidate who passes the corresponding assessment(s).
- b) If a candidate passes the Activity Bar assessment, he / she will be awarded the Activity Bar certificate.