



Sectional Progressive Awards Arrangements under the Epidemic

This circular substitutes Programme Circular No. 43/2020 issued on 15 May 2020.

During the epidemic over the last year, a substantial number of Scout trainings/activities have had to be postponed or cancelled and that has brought considerable impacts on youth members' plans to complete the award assessments of the respective sections. The Association has therefore introduced two initiatives, namely the "Online Learning and Progressive Award Online Assessment Scheme under the Epidemic", and the "Extension of the Assessment Periods of Awards" to support youth members concerned and provide a longer time frame for award assessments. While all units may now, in light of individual needs and circumstances, resume face-to-face Scout activities (including Group meetings, activities & trainings) under the Government's epidemic control measures, the Association nevertheless encourages the continued adoption of remote and online learning as well as communication as risks remain.

Online Learning and Progressive Award Online Assessment Scheme under the Epidemic

Introduced in November 2020, the Scheme enables youth members to undertake learning at home and engage in Scout activities and award assessments with alternative arrangements. As all units may now, in light of individual needs, resume face-to-face Scout meetings, members may flexibly opt for the appropriate assessment mode and complete their award assessments. For Scheme details and the effective date etc., please refer to the Programme Branch (Sections) website (www.scout.org.hk/sections 【QR code appended on next page】).

Progressive Learning and Assessments

The design of progressive awards caters for the needs of youth members at their age, as well as their physical and developmental needs, with the provision of appropriate learning, training and assessment schemes. Scout leaders and youth members should therefore remain in close contact and adhere as much as possible to the Scout Movement's principle of progressive learning and assessments in arranging assessments, having regard to youth members' age, as well as physical and developmental needs. For example, Scout leaders may help less experienced members consolidate their Scoutcraft knowledge and skills; they may also encourage youth members to proceed to the succeeding Scout Section as early as practicable etc.

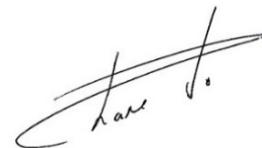
Extension of the Assessment Periods of Awards

All youth members in the Cub Scout/Scout/Venture Scout/Rover Scout Sections, upon reaching the upper age limit of the respective Sections, are automatically entitled to an extension to their membership of one year without the need to submit applications so that they may continue with their **progressive award assessments** (including participation in training courses, activities & assessments). Youth members concerned must complete all assessments on or before 31 August 2022. The prevailing rules and arrangements on award issuance and application procedures shall apply. For details, please refer to the circulars on the Procedures and Guidelines on Issue and Collection/Purchase of Badges for the respective Sections and the relevant [award and certificate application forms](#).

Should youth members require more than one year beyond the upper age limit in order to complete the assessments for **the highest level of awards** of the respective Sections, they are required to seek endorsement of the further extension from the District Commissioner and the Regional Commissioner. They may only continue with the assessments for the highest level of awards in a specified period of time after obtaining approval from the Programme Commissioner.

All Scout Groups, Districts, Regions and Branches will work together with youth members' well-being as the prime consideration, and make every effort to enable all members concerned to continue with the award assessments of the respective Sections. District Commissioners and Scout leaders should encourage youth members to follow the arrangements set out in this circular and complete their award assessments accordingly. In case youth members still have doubt, Section Scout Leaders should approach their District Commissioner for assistance.

The Association will timely review the arrangements above and take into account other factors. Further announcements will be made as appropriate. For enquiries, please contact the Programme Branch at 2957 6411 or 2957 6417 during office hours.



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