

Dear Friends

Queen's Scout Award

We have identified two potential issues with the transition arrangements for those working to achieve their Queen's Scout Award under the previous requirements that existed prior to registration being introduced in January 2014.

This message serves to draw attention to those issues and highlight how they will be addressed.

Backdating of Activities

The transition arrangements, which provide for members using the previous requirements to backdate activities for up to 3 months may still mean that a number of members may find it genuinely difficult to complete the Queen's Scout Award. This is because they may need to repeat sections that were undertaken more than 3 months prior to registration.

With our ambition to see more young people attain our top awards, including the Queen's Scout Award, we do not want to disadvantage those who started out under the previous requirements by the change in requirements.

Therefore, for those who have registered but are operating under the previous requirements, we will allow members to have all qualifying activities backdated. Local scrutiny should ensure that requests to accommodate backdated qualifying activities are genuine.

For those who started out on their Queen's Scout Award after 1 January 2014, it is likely that they will already be following the current requirements. If in exceptional circumstances e.g. where rapid progress has been made and they are likely to complete before the end of the extension date (see below), the previous requirements can be used.

Extending the Completion Date

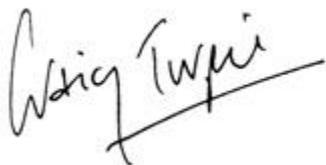
The final date for members completing the Queen's Scout Award under the old requirements was previously set as 1 September 2015. Recognising that this date is still within the 2015 expedition season, it has subsequently been agreed that the final date should be further extended to 31 December 2015 to ensure that maximum opportunity is provided in order to meet the requirements.

I trust that this further guidance will prove useful and that you will draw it to the attention of those working towards achieving this much coveted award under the previous requirements.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact programme@scouts.org.uk

This information will also be communicated via <http://members.scouts.org.uk/qs>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Turpie', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Craig Turpie
UK Commissioner for Programme