

Venturer Scouts and Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

A Guide to completing a Silver or Gold Award whilst doing your Queen's Scout Award

By registering for the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award before commencing your Queen's Scout Award, Venturer Scouts can with a little more effort, earn both Awards.

This summary outlines the close alignment of the two Awards. Separate logging of activity is required for each Award and the Duke of Ed requires an average of 1 hour per week of effort for each activity over the minimum duration (months). Refer to the Duke of Ed Award Handbook and the Scouting –Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Guide for further information.

Duke of Ed Sections	Queen's Scout Sections That Can Be Used					Notes
Service - Silver Award¹ 6 months – Average 1 hour per week	SIA Growth and Development 6 months	or	SIA Environment 6 months	or	SIA Creating a Better World 6 months	Project for SIA defined around volunteering or service in the community. There may also be an overlap in activities completed as Community Challenges in the Milestones
Skills – Silver Award 6 months – Average 1 hour per week	SIA Arts & Literature 2 x 12hr projects	and/or	SIA STEM & Innovation 2 x 12hr projects	or	SIA Growth & Development 2 x 12hr projects	Venturer Scouts to complete 2 of the 3 for Duke of Ed
Physical Recreation – Silver 6 months – Average 1 hour per week	SIA Adventure & Sport 2 x 12hr projects					Project for SIA defined around physical recreation
Adventurous Journey – Silver Training, Practice and 3-day Final AJ	Adventurous Journey 4 Days / 30hrs					
Service – Gold Award 12 months – Average 1hr per week	SIA Growth and Development 6 months	or	SIA Environment 6 months	Or	SIA Creating a Better World 6 months	Project for SIA defined around volunteering or service in the community There may also be an overlap in activities completed as Community Challenges in the Milestones
Skills – Gold Award 18 months ² – Average 1hr per week	SIA Arts & Literature 30hrs/6 months	and/or	SIA STEM & Innovation 30hrs/6 months	or	SIA Growth & Development 30hrs/6 months	Need to be completed in sequence
Physical Recreation – Gold 12 months – Average 1hr per week	SIA Adventure & Sport 30hrs/6 months	and	SIA Adventure & Sport 30hrs/6 months			Additional 6 months required for Duke of Ed Gold
Adventurous Journey – Gold Training, Practice and 4-day Final AJ	Adventurous Journey 4 Days / 30hrs					
Residential Project – Gold Only 5 days (4 nights)	<i>Leadership Camp</i>	or	<i>Jamboree type activity</i>	or	<i>Non-Scouting Options</i>	<i>Must be with people not normally mix with</i>

¹ The requirements of the Queen's Scout Award fully meet the requirements of the Duke of Ed Silver Award

² If a previous Duke of Ed Award has not been completed either Service, Skills or Physical Recreation must be undertaken for an additional 6 months. This aligns well with the Personal Growth activities required for the Queen's Scout Award



Using Scout Activities for Duke of Ed Recognition

- i. Scout activities may be used for recognition in both Scout and Duke of Ed Awards. The stipulation though, is that there must be two separate loggings of the activity.
- ii. Venturer Scouts doing the Duke of Ed can only do one activity for each section per Level and activities cannot be counted for more than one section or more than one Level.
- iii. Note that the Duke of Ed does make an allowance for an Award Participant to make an activity change but Venturers undertaking the Duke of Ed are to undertake only one activity for each of the Queen's Scout components.
- iv. **The Duke of Ed requires regular activity and as a minimum this represents 4 hours min over 4 weeks, typically done and logged as an hour per week**
- v. All Award participants are free to choose for themselves the activities they include in each section of their Award, provided that certain criteria are met. This flexibility means that Venturer Scouts and/or Rover Scouts are able to complete their Awards almost entirely through their involvement in the Queen's Scout and/or Baden Powell Scout Awards, by using a mixture of activities done both within the Scouting movement and outside, or by using activities done entirely outside. The Award Office provides an extensive (but not exhaustive) list of possible activities (as a guide) via its website www.dukeofed.com.au.
- vi. **It is important to ensure that the activity assessor appointed for the Duke of Ed has been agreed to for Queen's Scout purposes by the Unit Council, especially if the Assessor is a person outside of Scouting.**

Outdoor Adventure Skills and Milestones

- i. Activities organised through participants Assisting/Leading or components of Outdoor Adventure Skills may be able to be counted The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in some way. The section it is counted towards will depend on the type of activity chosen and which Duke of Ed definition it fits (see table on previous page).

Duke of Ed Adventurous Journeys vs Queen's Scout Adventurous Journeys

- i. Specific arrangements have been negotiated regarding the supervision for journeys undertaken by Scout members. While the Duke of Ed expeditions (Adventurous Journey) generally require an accompanying supervisor (experienced adult) at the practice trip level, and the supervisor making less frequent contact for the qualifying AJ, depending on the risk management policy of the Award Unit (e.g. a school, youth club) and the competence of the group at the test level, this is not a requirement for Scouts.
- ii. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award acknowledges that for Queen's Scout and Baden Powell Award Adventurous Journey, Leaders or other adults are not permitted to participate in expeditions that Venturer Scouts/Rover Scouts undertake to gain the relevant award. It has been agreed however, that because of the high standards and close checking of Queen's Scout and Baden Powell Award expeditions, such expeditions will satisfy Duke of Ed requirements, provided that all other requirements of the Duke of Ed's Adventurous Journey section are met, which would be the case regarding team work, duration, daily effort, preparation, log and reporting.
- iii. **The Queen's Scout award only allows half of an expedition group to receive recognition for the journey so that each Venturer Scout contributes a day's leadership. By adding a day or more to the Duke of Ed requirements more Venturers can be recognised for completing their Queen's Scout expedition.**

For further information from Scouts Australia:

Guidelines for Participation in The Duke of Edinburgh 's International Award by Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts - Scouts Australia