

# Certification Pathway/Assessment Guidelines

## *Level 3 Canoe Skills*

### Assessment

- The Level 3 Canoe Skills Assessment must take place outdoors on water of Grade II difficulty as part of a river trip. No part of an assessment can be taken in a swimming pool.
- During assessment candidates must demonstrate all techniques/skills at a skills level higher than that required for the Level 2 Canoe Skills Award. All techniques and skills must be performed to an assessor's satisfaction to achieve this award.
- All strokes should be demonstrated in relevant situations and demonstrated on both sides of the canoe.
- Generally, all required assessment rescues will be kept until the end of an assessment.
- Participants for this award must be at least 12 years of age.
- Member of Canoeing Ireland.

### Assessment Guidelines

- It is recommended that the Level 3 Canoe Skills Award is assessed by an Instructor other than the Instructor who has run the training course leading to the assessment.
- The Level 3 Canoe Skills Award can only be assessed by a currently registered Canoeing Ireland Level 3 Open Canoe Instructor.
- The assessment to be carried out with a maximum of six participants to one assessor
- Guidelines should be given as to the areas that need to be improved upon should a candidate fail in a debrief session after the assessment.