

Certification Pathway/Assessment Guidelines

Level 4 Canoe Skills Award

Applying for Assessment

Before applying to attend a Level 4 Canoe Skills assessment, a candidate must:

1. Have obtained the Level 3 Canoe Skills Certificate
2. Have completed an RSR 2 Training Course and obtained an RSR 2 Certificate.
3. Have unrestricted access to a fully equipped open canoe, personal equipment, and additional equipment (see Level 4 skills list of equipment)
4. Be a least 16 years of age.
5. Member of Canoeing Ireland.

Assessment

- The Level 4 Canoe Skills assessment will take place during a river trip of at least three miles on water of Grade II–III difficulty.
- During assessment candidates must demonstrate all techniques/skills at a skills level higher than that required for the Level 3 Open Canoe skills award to achieve this award. All techniques, skills and rescues must be demonstrated and assessed to the required level to achieve this award.
- All strokes and techniques must be demonstrated on both sides of the Open Canoe and in relevant situations.
- All rescues must be executed by the candidate acting as both rescuee and rescuer. Generally, the required assessment rescues will be kept until the end of the assessment river trip.
- While it is not compulsory to attend a training course prior to assessment, it is strongly recommended.

Assessment Guidelines

- A Level 4 Canoe Skills Award can only be assessed by a member of the Level 4 Canoe Skills Assessor Panel.
- It is recommended that, the Level 4 Open Canoe skills Award is assessed by an Instructor other than the Instructor who has run the training course leading to the assessment. Notwithstanding this, a Level 4 Skills Award can only be assessed by a member of the Level 4 Open Canoe Skills Assessment Panel.
- The candidate assessor ratio should be a maximum of 4:1
- Clear guidelines should be given in writing should the candidate fail an assessment as to the areas they need to improve on.
- No other award may be assessed at the same time as the Level 4 Open Canoe Skills Award