

Certification Pathway/Assessment Guidelines

Level 4 River Kayak Skills Award

Applying for Assessment

Before applying to attend a Level 4 Kayak Skills Award Assessment, a candidate must:

1. Have obtained the Level 3 Kayak Skills Award.
2. Have completed an RSR 2 Training Course and obtained an RSR 2 Certificate.
3. Be at least 16 years of age.
4. Be a member of Canoeing Ireland.
5. Have unrestricted access to a fully equipped kayak, personal equipment, and additional equipment. (See Level 4 Kayak Skills List of Equipment).

Assessment

1. The Level 4 Kayak Skills assessment must take place during a river trip of at least three km on water of Grade III difficulty.
2. During an assessment, a candidate must explain and demonstrate all techniques and skills at a level higher than that required for the Level 3 Kayak Skills Award. All techniques, skills and rescues must be demonstrated to the required level to achieve this award.
3. All strokes should be demonstrated in relevant situations i.e., sculling in a stopper. Strokes should be demonstrated on both sides of the kayak.
4. All rescues must be executed by the candidate acting as both rescuee and rescuer. Generally, required assessment rescues will be kept until the end of the river trip.
5. While it is not compulsory to attend a training course prior to assessment, it is strongly recommended.

Assessment Guidelines

1. A Level 4 Kayak Skills Award can only be assessed by a Level 4 Kayak Instructor.
2. It is recommended that the award be assessed by an Instructor other than the Instructor who ran the training course leading to assessment.
3. The assessment will be carried out with a maximum ratio of 4:1.
4. Should a candidate fail an assessment written guideline should be given as to the areas that they need to improve on.
5. No other award may be assessed at the same time as the Level 4 Kayak Skills Award.