

Certification Pathway/Assessment Guidelines

Sit-on-top River Skills Award

Assessment

- During an assessment, a participant must explain and demonstrate all techniques and skills at a level higher than that required for the Sit-on-Top Flat Water Skills Award. All techniques, skills and rescues must be demonstrated to an assessor's satisfaction in order to achieve this award.
- No part of an assessment can be taken in a swimming pool. All assessment criteria must be demonstrated outdoors on water of Grade II difficulty as part of a river trip.
- All strokes should be demonstrated in relevant situations i.e., ferry gliding across a flow. Strokes should be demonstrated on both sides of the Sit-on-Top.
- Generally, required assessment rescues will be kept until the end of an assessment.
- Participants for this award must be at least 12 years of age.

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- It is recommended that a Sit-on-Top River Skills Award is assessed by a Instructor other than the Instructor who ran the training course leading to assessment
- The Sit-on-Top River Skills Award can only be assessed by a currently registered Canoeing Ireland Instructor who is, at minimum, a Level 3 Kayak Instructor
- The assessment can be carried out with a maximum of six candidates to one assessor, however, a ratio of 4:1 is preferable.
- Generally, guidelines will be given, should a candidate fail an assessment, as to the areas that they need to improve on.