

The following adaptations to the Award have been prepared by the International Award Foundation in response to the COVID - 19 environment

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**These adaptations are applicable for the period
1 May – 31 December 2020 unless otherwise stated**

Service	Adaptation
<p>Participants can now volunteer for family members as part of their Award activities. This is applicable at every level of the Award.</p>	<p>If a participant has exhausted all opportunities to do service outside their home; they may continue their Voluntary Service by volunteering for family members – e.g. tutoring a younger sibling. This does not include everyday household duties.</p> <p>Prior consent is required from their Award Leader; and they must identify a suitable Assessor (not an immediate family member). The Voluntary Service hours must be logged and evidenced in the ORB as usual.</p>
Adventurous Journey	Adaptation
<p>Award Leaders can waive the requirement for a Bronze Practice Journey <i>OR</i> where a Practice has been previously completed, it can be counted as the Bronze Qualifying Journey. This is applicable at Bronze level only.</p>	<p>When an Award Leader is confident that the learning outcomes have been achieved in the participant's Preparation and Training and, that health and safety risk is covered by the Award Unit's Safety Management System, the Award Leader can choose to waive the Practice Journey requirement. The Award Leader must be confident that the participant is able to do a Qualifying Journey successfully. The participants must come together (either virtually or previously in person) to plan the journey and meet the Award requirements.</p>
<p>Adventurous Journeys may be organised in a familiar environment. This is applicable at every level of the Award.</p>	<p>This change is intended for locations where AJs can be conducted while physical distancing is in place. It will address health and safety concerns and where there are restrictions on travel.</p> <p>Participants must still complete the key learning outcomes, such as teamwork and leadership skills.</p>

<p>It is permitted for participants to use a home, or venue such as a school gym, as accommodation during Adventurous Journeys.</p>	<p>This allowance is for locations where AJs can be conducted safely and in line with New Zealand regulation while physical distancing is in place. It addresses health and safety concerns and restrictions on travel.</p> <p>This adaptation also caters for when physical distancing measures are lifted but where young people are not allowed to share sleeping accommodation due to other conditions that may apply.</p>
<p>Where a participant has completed Bronze and progressed to Silver, they can count their Bronze Qualifier as a Silver Practice journey during this period.</p>	<p>This is only applicable at Silver level, when the participant has completed Bronze Qualifier.</p> <p>Prior consent is required from the Award Leader. The Award Leader must be confident that the participant is able to do a Qualifying Journey successfully.</p>
<p>Age requirements</p>	
<p>All participants who will reach their 25th birthday between April and December 2020 will have an extension applied; granting them time to complete their Award.</p> <p>This is applicable at every level of the Award.</p>	<p>Because the lockdown/physical distancing measures currently in place are beyond the control of participants in New Zealand, this change represents a blanket extension for all participants in the relevant age range. These participants will be given until 31 December 2021 within which to complete their current Award level.</p>
<p>Gold Residential Project</p>	<p>There are no changes to the Gold Residential Projects requirements, however, do note the Residential can take place over two weekends when the same principles will apply.</p>
<p>Gold Adventurous Journey</p>	<p>At present no modifications have been made other than those above, i.e. use of accommodation and using a similar environment.</p>