

Writing Assessor Reports - Volunteering section

Thank you for your time and commitment offering to assess the Volunteering section of a participant's Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

We appreciate your assistance and hope that you will enjoy your involvement, helping a participant through the section and to help them get the most from the activities they undertake.

The aim of the Volunteering section is for participants to take part in a volunteering activity with a charity or within a community, to make a difference in other people's lives or to provide a service.

As the Assessor you...

- Can help the young person understand what they want to get out of it and help them set their goals.
- Can help the participant with advice, training and supervision as needed.
- Can offer support and encouragement.
- Could do a final assessment at the end discussing their experiences, how they developed and reached their goals.
- Should be qualified/trained for the activity the young person is undertaking.
- Cannot be related to the participant.

The Assessor's Report

When the participant has completed the minimum time requirements and achieved their goals, the DofE requires a written report which is a record of their progress. This is called an Assessor's Report.

As an Assessor you are responsible for writing a participant's Assessor Report. The Report makes up part of the evidence which is used to sign off a participant's section.

The Assessor's Report is written following the successful completion of the Volunteering section.

Submitting a report

There are two ways to submit Assessor's Reports. You can complete the sectional Assessor's Report Card, found in a participant's Welcome Pack.

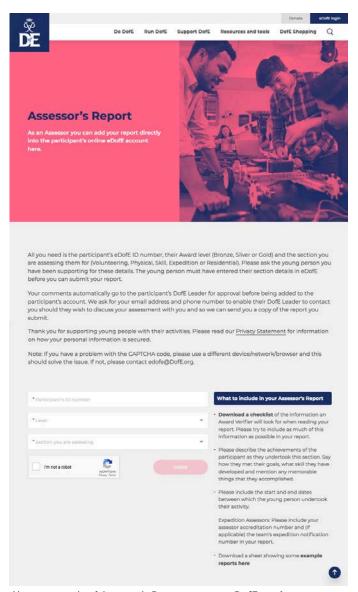
Alternatively you can add your report directly into the participant's online eDofE account via **DofE.org/assessor**.

All you need is:

- The participant's eDofE ID number.
- Their Award level (Bronze, Silver or Gold).
- The section you are assessing them for (for example the Skills section).

Your comments are then automatically sent to the participant's DofE Leader for approval before being added to the participant's account.

We ask for your email address and phone number to enable their DofE Leader to contact you should they wish to discuss your assessment with you.



What you should write

The feedback within the Assessor's Report must be personal to the individual and usually made up of several short paragraphs.

It is not acceptable to simply say "He/she satisfactorily completed

the Volunteering section".

The report should include how long they volunteered for on each session and the number of months that they volunteered for overall.

At the end of the Assessor's Report it can be a good time to suggest that the participant progresses to the next level of the DofE or, if they have achieved their Gold Award, to volunteer with a local DofE group.

Below is an example Assessor Report that has been submitted by a DofE Assessor.

Chandni excelled whilst volunteering as a peer educator. She has a personable nature and was able to talk to the younger kids on their level and really engaged them.

From July 2018 to February 2019 her confidence seemed to grow and she developed her own style of explaining our key messages. She regularly stayed beyond the hour's session to help clear up and also arrived early to help with setting up on more than one occasion.

She has been a fantastic ambassador for the charity and we have been delighted to have her on board.

A stand out moment for us was when her talk encouraged a young person to confide in her, Chandni handled it with great maturity and took the appropriate steps to refer the young person. This experience will be great to enhance Chandni's CV or lead on to many different career paths and we hope she continues to stay involved with the charity. Well done Chandni.

Participant name:

Pete xxxxxxxxxx

Dates:

10th January 2018-30th January 2019 **Activity:**

Charity shop volunteering

Assessor name and contact:

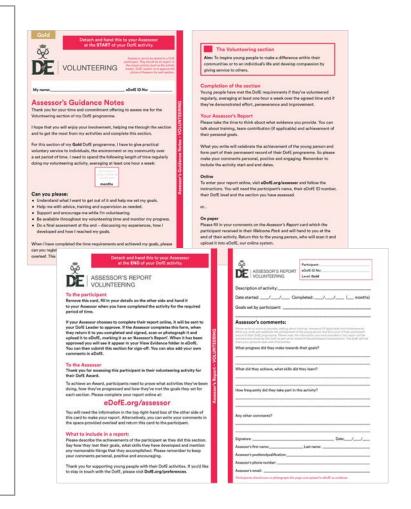
Anna XXXXXX 07XXX XXX XXX

Pete has volunteered with us from January 2018 to January 2019. He proved to be an enthusiastic and well-motivated volunteer.

He successfully completed all the tasks he has taken on, which have developed in responsibility over time. Pete was popular with the team and customers alike.

He has most certainly grown in confidence during his placement and has been a huge asset to the charity.

Thank you Pete for your support and commitment and we would love to have you back in the future!





Writing Assessor Reports - Physical section

Thank you for your time and commitment offering to assess the Physical section of a participant's Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

We appreciate your assistance and hope that you will enjoy your involvement, helping a participant through the section and to help them get the most from the activities they undertake.

The aim of the Physical section is for participants to take part in a Physical activity on a regular basis, encouraging participants to adopt a more active lifestyle and work towards a physical achievement.

As the Assessor you...

- Can help the young person understand what they want to get out of it and help them set their goals.
- Can help the participant with advice, training and supervision as needed.
- Can offer support and encouragement.
- Could do a final assessment at the end discussing their experiences, how they developed and reached their goals.
- Cannot be related to the participant.

The Assessor's Report

When the participant has completed the minimum time requirements and achieved their goals, the DofE requires a written report which is a record of their progress. This is called an Assessor's Report.

As an Assessor you are responsible for writing a participant's Assessor Report. The Report makes up part of the evidence which is used to sign off a participant's section.

The Assessor's Report is written following the successful completion of the Physical section.

Submitting a report

There are two ways to submit Assessor's Reports. You can complete the sectional Assessor's Report Card, found in a participant's Welcome Pack.

Alternatively you can add your report directly into the participant's online eDofE account via **DofE.org/assessor**.

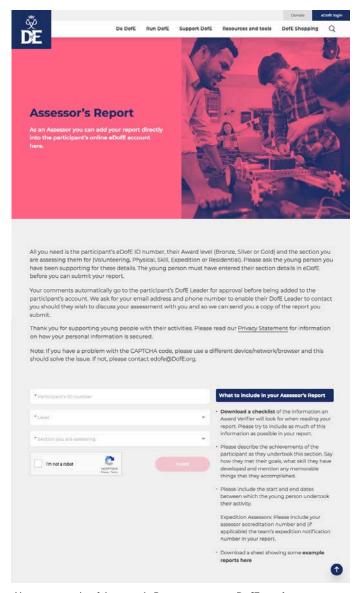
All you need is:

- The participant's eDofE ID number.
- Their Award level (Bronze, Silver or Gold).

- The section you are assessing them for (for example the Physical section).

Your comments are then automatically sent to the participant's DofE Leader for approval before being added to the participant's account.

We ask for your email address and phone number to enable their DofE Leader to contact you should they wish to discuss your assessment with you.



What you should write

The feedback within the Assessor's Report must be personal to the individual and usually made up of several short paragraphs.

It is not acceptable to simply say "He/she satisfactorily completed the Physical section".

At the end of the Assessor's Report it can be a good time to suggest that the participant progresses to the next level of the DofE or, if they have achieved their Gold Award, to volunteer with a local DofE group.

Below is an example Assessor Report that has been submitted by a DofE Assessor.

Date: 10th July 2019

Katie has been a key member of the U18s country hockey team since the start of the season, which commenced on the 9th September 2018 to the end, which finished today – 10 April 2019. She attended training every Sunday morning for two hours.

Not only did she perform on the field throughout the season, she also captained the team to win the regional county championships. Katie is a fantastic team player and it has been a pleasure to coach her this season.

All the best.

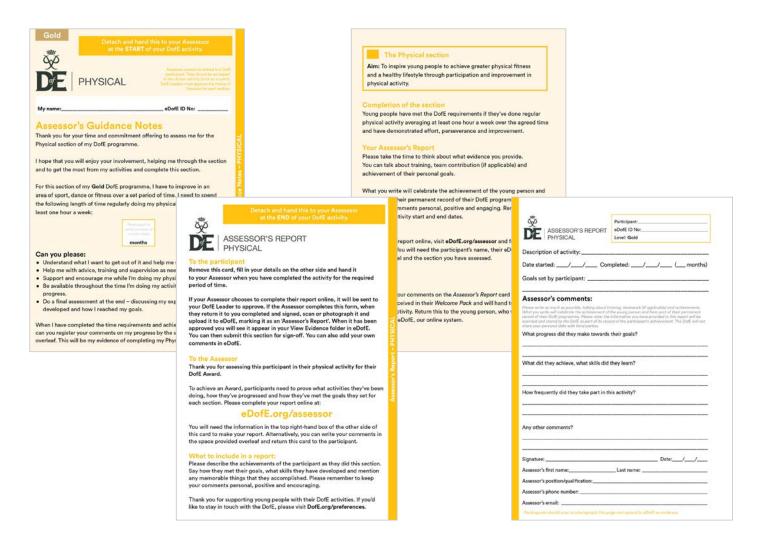
Mark Rxxx

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Writing Assessor Reports – Skills section

Thank you for your time and commitment offering to assess the Skills section of a participant's Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

We appreciate your assistance and hope that you will enjoy your involvement, helping a participant through the section and to help them get the most from the activities they undertake.

The aim of the Skills section is for participants to undertake a skilful activity, developing their practical and social skills through setting personal challenges and striving to master a new ability.

As the Assessor you...

- Can help the young person understand what they want to get out of it and help them set their goals.
- Can help the participant with advice, training and supervision as needed.
- Can offer support and encouragement.
- Could do a final assessment at the end discussing their experiences, how they developed and reached their goals.
- Cannot be related to the participant.

The Assessor's Report

When the participant has completed the minimum time requirements and achieved their goals, the DofE requires a written report which is a record of their progress. This is called an Assessor's Report.

As an Assessor you are responsible for writing a participant's Assessor Report. The Report makes up part of the evidence which is used to sign off a participant's section.

The Assessor's Report is written following the successful completion of the Skills section.

Submitting a report

There are two ways to submit Assessor's Reports. You can complete the sectional Assessor's Report Card, found in a participant's Welcome Pack.

Alternatively you can add your report directly into the participant's online eDofE account via **DofE.org/assessor**.

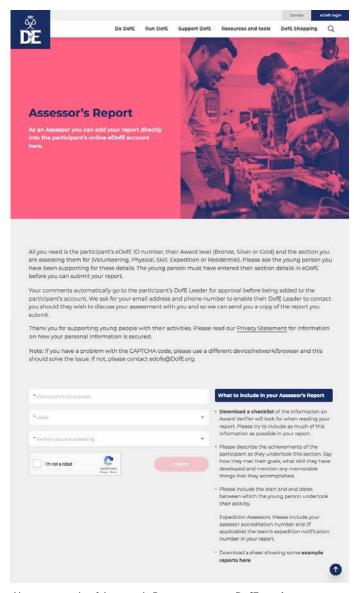
All you need is:

- The participant's eDofE ID number.
- Their Award level (Bronze, Silver or Gold).

- The section you are assessing them for (for example the Skills section).

Your comments are then automatically sent to the participant's DofE Leader for approval before being added to the participant's account.

We ask for your email address and phone number to enable their DofE Leader to contact you should they wish to discuss your assessment with you.



What you should write

The feedback within the Assessor's Report must be personal to the individual and usually made up of several short paragraphs.

It is not acceptable to simply say "He/she satisfactorily completed the Skills section".

At the end of the Assessor's Report it can be a good time to suggest that the participant progresses to the next level of the DofE or, if they have achieved their Gold Award, to volunteer with a local DofE group.

Below is an example Assessor Report that has been submitted by a DofE Assessor.

Date: 10th September 2019

Miss Bxxxxxx has been singing with the Bristol Local Community Choir since 5 September 2018. She attended rehearsals every Thursday evening for an hour and completed her full 12 months. xxxxxx's ability has vastly improved since I first met her and she even had a small solo at a local carol service last December.

She always comes to our sessions with lots of energy and enthusiasm. I hope you continue to sing with us xxxxx.

Thanks for all ongoing commitment.

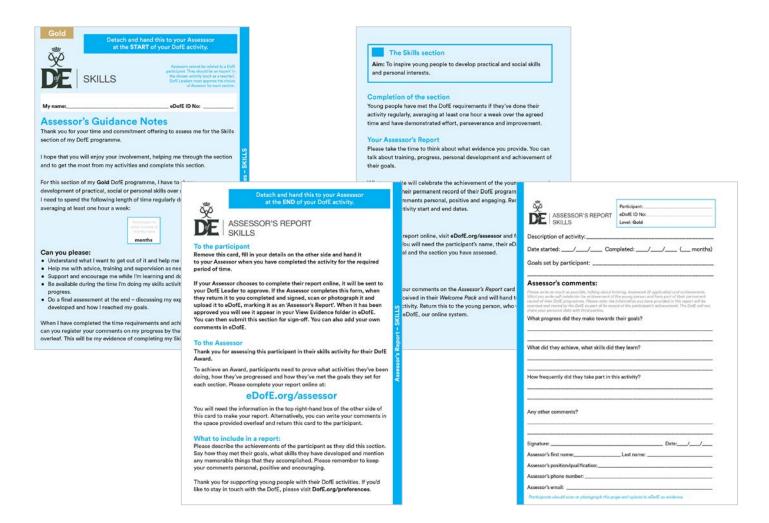
R.xxxxx

Conductor/Head of Choir

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Writing Assessor Reports – Expedition section

Thank you for your time and commitment offering to assess the Expedition section of a participant's Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

We appreciate your assistance and hope that you will enjoy your involvement, helping a participant through the section and to help them get the most from the activities they undertake.

The aim of the Expedition section is for participants to undertake an Expedition programme, developing the participant's team and leadership skills, alongside their appreciation for the outdoors.

As the Assessor you...

- Can help the young person understand what they want to get out of it and help them set their goals.
- Can help the participant with advice, training and supervision as needed.
- Can offer support and encouragement.
- Cannot be related to the participant.
- Ensure that the 20 conditions are met throughout the duration of the expedition.

The Assessor's Report

When the participant has met the 20 Expedition requirements and achieved their goals, the DofE requires a written report which is a record of their progress. This is called an Assessor's Report.

As an AAP Assessor you are responsible for writing a participant's Assessor Report. The Report makes up part of the evidence which is used to sign off a participants section. The Assessor's Report is written following the successful completion of the Expedition section.

Submitting a report

There are two ways to submit Assessor's Reports. You can complete the sectional Assessor's Report Card, found in a participant's Welcome Pack.

Alternatively you can add your report directly into the participant's online eDofE account via **DofE.org/assessor**.

All you need is:

- The participant's eDofE ID number.
- Their Award level (Bronze, Silver or Gold).
- The section you are assessing them for (in this case the Expedition section).

Your comments are then automatically sent to the participant's DofE Leader for approval before being added to the participant's account.

We ask for your email address and phone number to enable their DofE Leader to contact you should they wish to discuss your assessment with you.

What you should write



The feedback within the Assessor's Report must be personal to the individual and usually made up of several short paragraphs.

On the Bronze Expedition you will have given the team a through debrief at the end. In your report it should reflect the individuals learning from their experience. This maybe something like 'she learned to take more time in considering the personal equipment that she took' or 'she has realised that working together as a team produces much better results that trying to do things as individuals.

It is not acceptable to simply say "He/she satisfactorily completed the Expedition section".

At the end of the Assessor's Report it can be a good time to suggest that the participant progresses to the next level of the DofE or, if they have achieved their Gold Award, to volunteer with a local DofE group.

Below is an example Assessor Report that has been submitted by an accredited DofE Expedition Assessor.

Dates: 03/06/2019 - 07/06/2019

Katie played a key part in leading the group throughout the expedition, which they all successfully completed. The team faced challenging weather throughout, but Katie did a great job at keeping spirits high.

Katie demonstrated excellent navigation skills and collected all the information she needed for her report on local wildlife. Katie also encouraged the group to get involved in team activities after each evening meal. This helped to keep morale high and built rapport between the individuals. Katie should be really proud of her achievement – congratulations!

Pete Hxxxxx

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Writing Assessor Reports - Residential section

Thank you for your time and commitment offering to assess the Residential section of a participant's Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

We appreciate your assistance and hope that you will enjoy your involvement, helping a participant through the section and to help them get the most from the activities they undertake.

The aim of the Residential section is for participants to take part in a Residential activity.

Participants will be living and working with others on a shared activity, developing their interpersonal skills, across five days and four nights.

As the Assessor you...

- Can help the young person understand what they want to get out of it and help them set their goals.
- Must ensure that participants don't know others in their groups prior to starting the programme (this also extends to staff)
- Can help the participant with advice, training and supervision as needed.
- Ensure participants are taking an active part in the group's daily and evening activities.
- Can offer support and encouragement.
- Could do a final assessment at the end discussing their experiences, how they developed and reached their goals.
- Cannot be related to the participant.

The Assessor's Report

When the participant has completed the five days and four nights and met the five considerations of the Residential section, the DofE requires a written report which is a record of their progress. This is commonly called an Assessor's Report.

As an AAP Assessor you are responsible for writing a participant's Assessor Report. The Report makes up part of the evidence which is used to sign off a participant's section.

The Assessor's Report is written following the successful completion of the Residential section.

Submitting a report

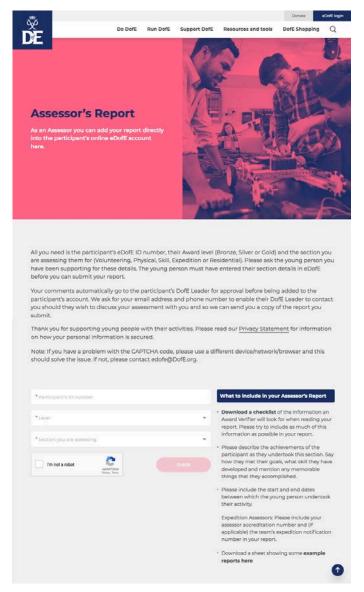
There are two ways to submit Assessor's Reports. You can complete the sectional Assessor's Report Card, found in a participant's Welcome Pack.

Alternatively you can add your report directly into the participant's online eDofE account via **DofE.org/assessor**.

All you need is:

- The participant's eDofE ID number.
- Their Award level (this is always Gold for the Residential section).
- The section you are assessing them for (for example the Residential section).

Your comments are then automatically sent to the participant's DofE Leader for approval before being added to the participant's account.



We ask for your email address and phone number to enable their DofE Leader to contact you should they wish to discuss your assessment with you.

What you should write

The feedback within the Assessor's Report must be personal to the individual and usually made up of several short paragraphs.

It is not acceptable to simply say "He/she satisfactorily completed the Residential section".

At the end of the Assessor's Report it can be a good time to suggest that the participant progresses to the next level of the DofE or, if they have achieved their Gold Award, to volunteer with a local DofE group.

Please ensure that the start and end dates are included (times if possible), also an outline of the programme and group size (which needs to be five or more not including the staff).

Participants are required to take part in evening activities with the group too and so some information about the social activities of the group is helpful.

Finally, they should be in shared accommodation such as bunk houses. Home stays are not acceptable, please can you give an indication in your report of the type of accommodation that was used. The more information about the programme the better, as this helps the participant's leader when signing the activity off, for having met the sectional requirements.

Below is an example Assessor Report that has been submitted by a DofE Assessor.

Dates: 01/08/2019 - 07/08/2019

Katie attended the PwC young leader's residential programme between 1st August and 7th August 2019. Katie joined a group of 40 other 'young leaders' who she had never met before. Katie took part in all course activities during the day. In the evenings she took a full part in the games and other social activities. She demonstrated a real enthusiasm for developing her leadership skills and working with others. Katie successfully completed the programme and is now recognised as a 'PwC Young Leader'. Well done!

Rebecca Mxxxxx, PwC Young Leaders Programme Manager, Tel: 07xxxxxxxx

Goal: to learn how to be a successful heritage boat crew member

Dates: 25th – 29th August 2019

Rani Hxxxxxx worked as part of the crew on a pair of heritage working boats. As a crew member Rani was responsible for day-to-day tasks including: cooking and preparing food for the crew and making sure the boat was clean and fit. She also ensured that the equipment was all stored and kept correctly. During this trip they visited a range of locations, including the Library of Birmingham and the Birmingham museum.

Rani is a polite, friendly and helpful young lady. She is 'quietly' hard working. She is not afraid to get stuck-in and learn new skills – steering, lock working etc. She got on well with everyone on the trip and her supportive and friendly manner made her an asset to the crew. The crew comprised seven young people completing their DofE residential who came together on the first day, not knowing each other but departing after five days as good friends. The group spent their evenings taking part in activities designed by individuals within the group and slept on the boat. All who met the crew commented on their positive attitude, and that they were great ambassadors for the DofE. Well done Rani and best of luck with the rest of your programme.

Paul Wxxxxx, Youth Worker

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