

Approved Activity Provider (AAP) — Definition & Criteria

What is an Approved Activity Provider (AAP)?

An **Approved Activity Provider** is an individual or organization approved by The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award programme – Sri Lanka, to support Award participants by offering activities and confirming participation under the Skills, Physical Recreation, or Voluntary Service sections. Approved Activity Providers support delivery only. They are not Award Centres and do not register participants, approve Awards, or issue certificates.

Minimum Approval Criteria

To be approved, a provider should:

1. Be at least 24 years of age (for individuals).
2. If an organization, be registered with a recognized government authority.
3. Have at least one year of experience in the relevant activity or in working with young people or community groups.
4. Offer a regular and ongoing activity relevant to the Award section.
5. Provide valid proof of experience or competence in the relevant activity.
6. Have a named, responsible contact person.
7. Be known locally and considered suitable by the Assistant Director.
8. Be willing to work safely and respectfully with young people and follow safeguarding guidance.
9. Agree not to present themselves as an Award Centre or authority.

Not Eligible for Approval

The following will not be approved:

- Anyone with known safeguarding, child protection, or serious misconduct concerns.
- Providers primarily seeking commercial or promotional benefit through association with the Programme.
- Anyone unwilling to comply with safeguarding or The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award requirements.

General Note

All approvals are granted by National Youth Award Division and may be reviewed, suspended, or withdrawn at any time in the interest of participant safety or Programme integrity.