

Canoeing Ireland Equivalence Document

This document provides guidance on equivalence of awards for employers, clubs and coaches as well as the process for a qualified instructor of Canoe Ireland transferring to British Canoeing Awarding Body Coaching awards and delivering Personal Performance Awards.

Equivalence between Canoe Ireland Instructor qualifications and British Canoeing Awarding Body Coaching awards **only** exist for the qualifications listed below.

Canoeing Ireland Qualification	British Canoeing Awarding Body equivalent
Level 1 Skills	1 Star Award / Paddle Discover Award
Level 2 Skills (Canoe and Kayak)	2 Star Award / Paddle Explore Award
Level 3 skills (in relevant craft and environment)	3 Star Award White Water Award Canoe Award Surf Kayak Award Sea Kayak Award Touring Award SUP Sheltered Water Award Flat Water Freestyle Award Flat Water Raft Racing Award Polo Explore Award Racing Explore Award Slalom Explore Award Wild Water Racing Explore Award
Level 1 Instructor	British Canoeing Paddlesport Instructor (UKCC) British Canoeing Awarding Body Paddlesport Instructor Award
Level 2 Instructor	British Canoeing Coach Sheltered Water

Level 2 Instructor (Canoe and Kayak)	British Canoeing Awarding Body Coach Sheltered Water
Level 3 Instructor	British Canoeing Awarding Body Moderate Water Coach British Canoeing Awarding Body White Water Coach BCU Level 3 Coach Award
Level 4 Instructor	British Canoeing Awarding Body Coach (Advanced Water)

Canoe Ireland Instructors are encouraged to operate under the guidelines of the equivalent British Canoeing Awarding Body Coaching Award with regard to remit and ratios. This guidance can be found in the British Canoeing Awarding Body Environmental Definitions and Deployment Guidance for Instructors, Coaches and Leaders: <https://www.britishcanoeingawarding.org.uk/download/331/>

Canoeing Ireland Instructors can become providers of the Personal Performance Awards. To ensure continuity in the delivery of British Canoeing Awarding Body awards, Canoe Ireland Instructors will need to provide the evidence outlined below. This recognition will also allow Canoe Ireland Instructors to operate on a voluntary or commercial basis with their Canoe Ireland Instructor Awards across British Canoeing Awarding Body Delivery Centres.

- National membership
- Copy of CI Instructor Certificate
- Copy of a valid First Aid certificate
- Evidence of Child Protection Training
- Evidence of CPD over the past 3 years

British Canoeing Star Award	Minimum Canoe Ireland Instructor Level
1 Star / Paddle Discover Award	Canoe Ireland Level 1 Instructor

2 Star / Paddle Explore Award	Canoe Ireland Level 1 Instructor (Canoe and Kayak)
3 Star White Water Award Canoe Award Surf Kayak Award Sea Kayak Award Touring Award SUP Sheltered Water Award Flat Water Freestyle Award Flat Water Raft Racing Award Polo Explore Award Racing Explore Award Slalom Explore Award Wild Water Racing Explore Award	Canoe Ireland Level 3 Instructor (in relevant discipline)

Canoe Ireland Instructors will need to request to become a provider of Personal Performance Awards with their Delivery Centre.

Canoe Ireland Instructors wanting to transfer into the British Canoeing Awarding Body scheme will need to complete an Accredited Prior Learning application with their Delivery Centre evidencing their current experience and level of skill and understanding. A successful assessment will need to be conducted before certification is issued.