

Will my Raleigh expedition count towards my Duke of Edinburgh Award?

1. Does my 10-week expedition count towards the residential and the expedition element of the gold award or just one or the other?

Your Raleigh expedition will count towards the residential element of the gold Duke of Edinburgh award as long as it is the first week in country that is logged and signed off. This then meets the aim of the residential element which is to introduce young people to some form of purposeful enterprise in the company of others who are not known to them. Raleigh can be used to gain the expedition sections of either bronze, silver or gold awards. A Raleigh expedition may be counted, **if fully justified and approved in good time**, as an Other Adventurous Project (OAP). OAP application form and guidance notes can be found here:

www.theaward.org/participants/index.php?id=1986&ids=48,122,2939

Please note that expeditions after 1st of October 2008 may be subject to new conditions as outlined by the D of E Awards Office. For more information please contact your Local Operating Authority.

2. Does my 4/5/7-week expedition count towards the residential and expedition element of the gold award or just one or the other?

The residential element of the award will count for any length of Raleigh expedition as long as (as stated above) it is the first week away that is logged and signed off. Due to the nature of the shorter expeditions it is not possible to know in advance the details of the adventure phase therefore it will not be possible to gain the necessary approval prior to the expedition and this section of the award cannot be counted.

3. Will my school expedition of up to 3 weeks count towards the residential or expedition element of the gold award?

Since the group you will be working with on expedition will be mostly previously known to you, you will be unable to use the expedition to achieve the residential section of the award. Similarly, like the 4/5 and 7 week expeditions, it is not possible to know the details of the adventure phase and it therefore cannot qualify as the expedition section of the award.

4. How far in advance of doing my gold D of E award do I need to find out about whether an expedition with Raleigh will count or not?

In order for your Gold expedition to be claimed on a Raleigh expedition, approval must first be obtained from your Local Operating Authority (the first page of your logbook should have their contact details). An expedition/OAP application must be submitted at least 12 weeks before you are due to go on expedition. On approval of an application an expedition number will then be issued to you. Please note that a Raleigh expedition counts as the qualifying venture but all practise journeys are not provided by Raleigh – your local Operating Authority Award Officer will be able to provide you with practise journey advice and opportunities. For more information about the Duke of Edinburgh award please refer to the website: www.theaward.org.