

COACH EDUCATION

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Updating your qualifications to the UKCC

It seems that some existing holders of BJA Coaching Awards are, despite several recent updates, still uncertain as to how and if they will need to progress from the old BJA Coach Award structure to the new UKCC endorsed offering.

The first thing to emphasise is that existing BJA Coaches will not need to start again on the qualification ladder! As part of the BJA's existing coach revalidation and CPD scheme, a number of bridging modules have been developed and will be offered from January 2009. The exact number of modules applicable to each coach will depend on what qualifications you currently hold and how that level of award has been mapped against the UKCC criteria.

Coaches will be encouraged, via the revalidation process, to progress at their own pace, completing the appropriate modules over a period of years. Those coaches who would like the transition completed as soon as possible may choose to go through the assimilation process as fast as possible; perhaps should they choose, completing all the required modules in less than a year.

Whatever your aspirations to revalidate your qualifications are, there is a basic requirement that all active BJA coaches will need to have registered via the BJA for the appropriate 1st4sport qualification (at one of three levels), receive the requisite candidate assessment pack and put together, over a maximum of two years, a portfolio of evidence of your coaching and undertake an independent assessment of your coaching. This will ensure that all future coaches operating under the auspices of the BJA will, by 2013, hold a UKCC endorsed coaching qualification, ensuring the future quality of coaches in the sport.

Please rest assured that the entire assimilation process will be designed to be as painless, flexible and affordable as possible.

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