



Qualifications for Venturer Scouts



Common statements about Qualifications for Venturer Scouts

1. Qualifications are only available for Venturer Scouts who complete their Queen's Scout Award
2. Adult training needs to be completed to get a qualification
3. Qualifications from Scouts can count towards final school certificates
4. By completing a qualification through Scouts, later on you won't be able to access government funding for qualifications
5. Can a Venturer do a Certificate IV or Diploma qualification

Qualifications

Qualifications are only available for Venturer Scouts who complete their Queen's Scout Award – No this is not true.

Certificate II in Active Volunteering

Certificate II in Workplace Skills

Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation

Certificate II in Creative Industries

Certificate III in Active Volunteering

Certificate III in Business

Certificate III in Community Dance, Theatre and Events

Certificate III in Outdoor Leadership



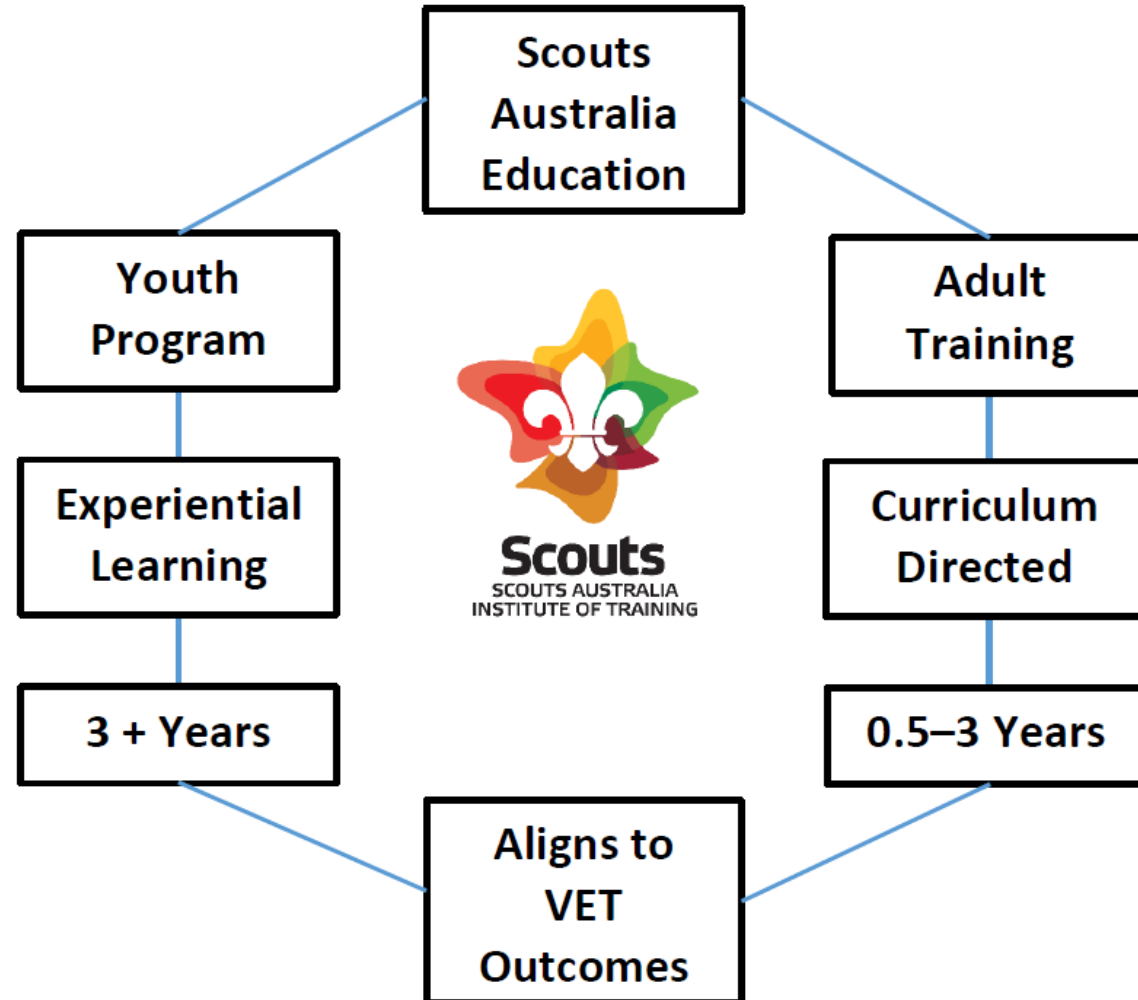
Relevant Learning

Adult training needs to be completed to get a qualification.

This is also not true. The youth program is very flexible and provides more than sufficient opportunities to learn and apply that learning to complete a qualification.

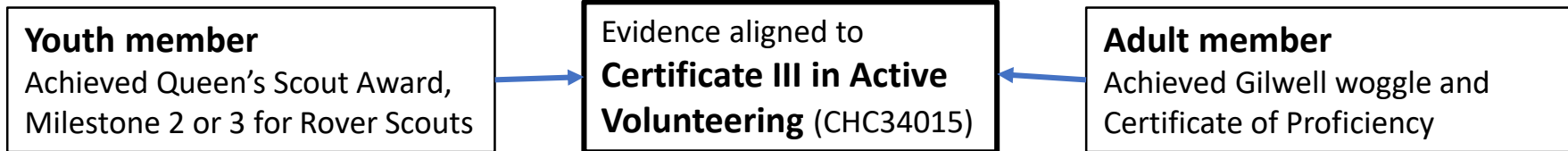
Adult training is very specific in what must be done to train leaders and adults join Scouting with a longer life experience than youth members.

The same qualifications can be completed by both youth and adult members. The only difference is the pathway taken reach the same outcome.

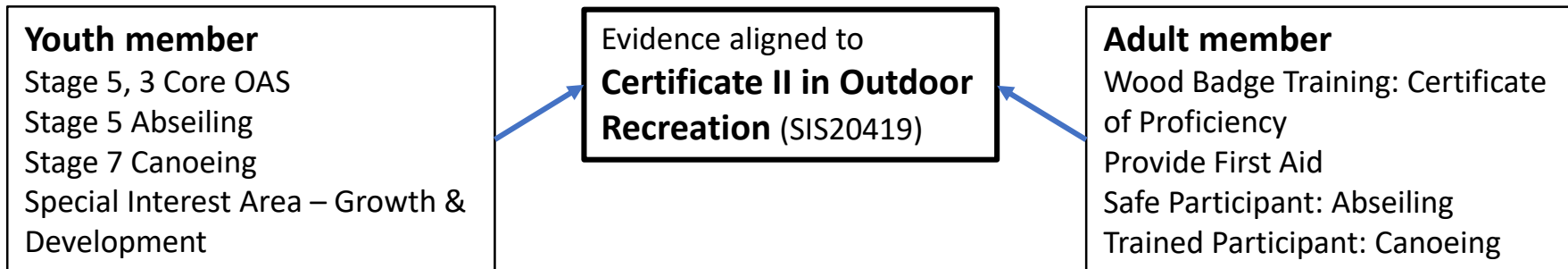


Qualification Alignments

Example 1



Example 2



There are many other examples using other qualifications and a range of Scouting pathways providing different options within each qualification.

Recognition of Prior Learning Assessment

Scouting outcomes are aligned to Vocational Education and Training

What you do and learn in Scouting provides evidence towards qualifications. Although there is alignment Scouting outcomes do not equal qualifications.

Assessment against defined standards (Valid)

A collection of topics (units of competency) are put together to create a qualification. These are defined by criteria that must be met to be able to award a qualification.

Is this enough evidence? (Sufficient)

Different people will have different evidence and some of it will align to the criteria perfectly and some will be less than ideal and extra items will be needed.

How long ago was that? (Current)

One of the criteria that needs to be met to achieve a qualification is that the evidence supplied needs to be current. The Scouts Australia Institute of Training uses three years as a guide to be considered current.



Additional Learning

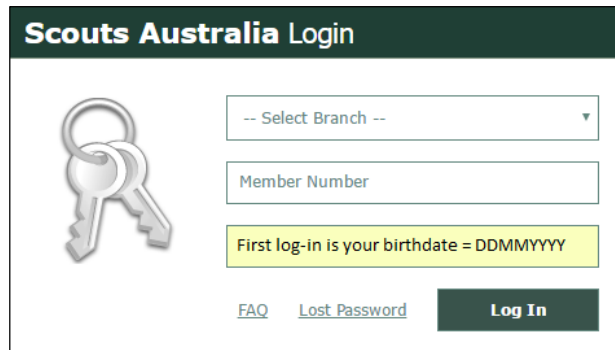
Valid, Sufficient and Current evidence

Sometimes the evidence that the candidate has is not valid, sufficient or current and when this happens the assessor has 3 options:

- Say that the candidate doesn't meet the criteria = no qualification
- Ask for more evidence = a bit more work for the candidate
- Suggest other ways to gain evidence = recommend other learning paths

On demand learning

Attending adult training is not a requirement for Venturer Scouts however the Scouts Australia on-demand learning is an excellent way to increase your learning and it is another way to show your learning.



The screenshot shows the 'Scouts Australia Login' interface. It features a dark green header with the text 'Scouts Australia Login'. Below the header is a white box containing a key icon on the left. To the right of the icon is a dropdown menu labeled '-- Select Branch --'. Below the dropdown is a text input field labeled 'Member Number'. A yellow highlighted box contains the text 'First log-in is your birthdate = DDMMYYYY'. At the bottom of the box are three links: 'FAQ', 'Lost Password', and a dark green 'Log In' button.

For your first log-in to training.scouts.com.au you will need;

- your Branch (State/Territory),
- your member number, and
- your date of birth.



School

Qualifications from Scouts can count towards final school certificates



States and Territories

All of our different State and Territory departments of education have different completion dates, value of credits and all other rules.

Final School Certificates

Certificates completed prior to the required date/s are able to be added to final school certificates. (Mid October - If wanted on school record).

Alternative Subject/s

An option taken by some Venturer Scouts is to complete one or more qualifications as a part of their subject selections.

Safety net

Substitute or alternative subject when not doing well with other subjects.



Financial Impacts

Will completing a qualification through Scouts take away the ability to access government funding for other qualifications?

Universities

Qualifications do not negatively impact on university funding options. In a number of instances Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts who did not meet the required minimum ATAR for the course they wanted have still been able to get in because they had another qualification.

TAFE and other RTOs

There are no negative financial impact for students or employers or student if the qualification is a Certificate I, II, III or IV and it was completed within two (2) years of completing school.



What can I do?

Can a Venturer do a Certificate IV or Diploma qualification?

Non-Formal Education and Recognition of Prior Learning

The youth program offers a range of variety and experiences for Venturer Scouts that can provide a lot of learning and evidence towards Certificate II qualifications.

For the 15%-18% of Venturer Scouts engaging at a level that enables completion of the Queen's Scout Award they often have evidence that is aligned to Certificate III qualifications.

Training and Assessment

Venturer Scouts who continue on to become Rover Scouts or adult members will be exposed to a range of non-formal learning opportunities that can enable Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications.

Our model is not always ideal. While qualifications through Scouts cost you nothing, if you want to learn and earn quicker it can be better to go elsewhere and pay to receive specific training and assessment for a qualification.





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