

Certification Pathway/Assessment Guidelines

Level 3 River Kayak Skills

Assessment

- The Level 3 Kayak Skills assessment must take place outdoors on water of Grade II difficulty as part of a river trip. No part of an assessment can be taken in a swimming pool.
- During an assessment, a participant must explain and demonstrate all techniques and skills at a level higher than that required for the Level 2 Kayak Skills Award. All techniques, skills and rescues must be demonstrated to an assessor's satisfaction to achieve this award.
- All strokes should be demonstrated in relevant situations i.e., sculling in a small stopper. Strokes should be demonstrated on both sides of the kayak.
- Generally, required assessment rescues will be kept until the end of an assessment.
- Participants for this award must be at least 12 years of age.
- Must be a member of Canoeing Ireland.

Assessment Guidelines

- It is recommended that a Level 3 Kayak Skills Award is assessed by an Instructor other than the Instructor who ran the training course leading to assessment.
- The Level 3 Kayak Skills Award can only be assessed by a currently registered Canoeing Ireland Instructor who is, at minimum, a Level 3 Kayak Instructor.
- The assessment can be carried out with a maximum of six candidates to one assessor.
- Generally, guidelines will be given, should a candidate fail an assessment, as to the areas that they need to improve on.