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LCMLA SCHEME REVALIDATION CHANGE

The Training Committee of 09 December 2009 approved a revision to the LCMLA award revalidation experience requirements.

Under the new system the minimum experience requirement for revalidation at levels 1 and 2 are as follows: -

At level 1 and 2 the minimum experience required is as follows:

- 30 trips leading groups in caves reflecting a cross section of the difficulty of the caves on the candidates list, and
- 10 different personal exploration trips, of which 5 must be quality days. These may be repeats of trips done in the previous 5 year period. Some of the personal days may be above the candidates level of qualification,

A quality day should satisfy at least 4 of the following criteria: -

- Exploration of a new route or cave (new to the candidate that is),
- Incorporates at least 4 to 5 hours of underground exploration.
- An experience that develops an individuals caving knowledge, skills and awareness.
- Incorporates caving skills above the level of the candidate's qualification.
- Of the candidates own making i.e. the candidate is to lead the trip, or it is one done with peers and not led by an external source.
- For level 1, involves the application of vertical skills, digging or exploration. For level 2 an extension of vertical skills, digging or exploration.
- Exploration of caves with a streamway that responds to rainfall.

Candidates are to nominate 5 of their logged trips as quality days and justify this selection to the Trainer/Assessor using the above criteria.

Leaders who are due to revalidate in 2010 may have concerns about fulfilling these requirements and if so they should contact the Training Officer Graham Mollard on 01535 691587 to discuss their issues.

These changes will be reflected in Edition 5 of the LCMLA Handbook which is currently being prepared and will be available on CD or via the website as soon as possible in 2010.