

British Caving Association

How to book onto a course

Register with scheme

All candidates wishing to book onto a training or assessment course must be registered with the LCMLA & CIC award scheme. Candidates need only register once, for which there is a one-off fee for both the Local Cave and Mine Leader Award and Cave Instructor Certificate schemes. To register;

- Click here: <https://britishcaving.azolve.com/> and sign up
- Click on "Membership" and purchase LCMLA/CIC Scheme Membership
- A video which walks candidates through the sign-up process available here: <https://youtu.be/jo9IuUmx5FY>

Register for a course

Courses are delivered by Trainer/Assessors following the award scheme syllabus. Trainer/Assessors must register all courses with the Qualification Management System (QMS), however in some cases may choose not to advertise the course publicly on the system.

Candidates can only book onto a course if the pre-requisites are met.

Book onto a course through the Qualification Management System

- Log onto the QMS: <https://britishcaving.azolve.com/>
- Find a course
 - Click on Events & Courses
 - Select course type then region
 - Select a course
 - Click "Add to cart" (note in most cases candidates are unable to book onto a course if they do not meet the pre-requisites)
 - **Follow the payment method, even though the payment will be zero, and complete the order**

Book onto a course direct with a Trainer/Assessor

If booking directly with a Trainer/Assessor, or for courses not advertised on the system, candidates will need to provide the following details (in the same format registered with the QMS) to the Trainer/Assessor so that they can add candidates to the course:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Membership Number (note this starts with ME)
- Date of Birth

In both cases, once booked onto a course the Trainer/Assessor will contact candidates with joining instructions, booking conditions and invoicing details.

Please be aware that Trainer/Assessors may remove candidates from a course if the Trainer/Assessors bookings terms and conditions are not met.

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SRT For Leader Assessment

An underground assessment of a candidate's personal SRT skills, equipment and competence in the rigging, simple vertical pitches (maximum of 18m in length) including problem prevention and solving. This sits alongside the Vertical Cave/Mine Leader.

Pre-requisites

Candidates must have attended a Vertical Leader Training Course (or in exceptional circumstances have been granted exemption from training) prior to attending this course.

Prior to presenting for assessment candidates must evidence that they have sufficient personal experience in a variety of caves and/or mines. As a guide, the minimum experience expected is 12 SRT trips.

Course Overview

This one-day practical assessment may be taken alongside another candidate with a Trainer/Assessor from any region unless combining this assessment with Vertical Cave/Mine core skills and/or Tyrolean assessments when it will be 1:1. The assessment must be conducted by a different Trainer/Assessor from the one who delivered the training for this module.

The assessment will be at an appropriate location underground.

Where a candidate is deferred they must in general return to the original Trainer/Assessor – but can opt to do a complete reassessment with any Trainer/Assessor except the Trainer/Assessor that delivered training. If a candidate 'fails' they may choose any Trainer/Assessor for reassessment except the Trainer/Assessor that delivered training.

The Trainer/Assessor has the right to terminate the assessment if the candidate is not up to the required standard in fundamental areas of the syllabus relating to safety or conservation.

Resource Links

- [Vertical Leader: Ropework](#)

Syllabus

The full checklist used by Trainer/Assessors which forms the syllabus for this award is provided below. Candidates should ensure they are familiar with all aspects of the checklist prior to booking an assessment.

- Due consideration of accident to leader
- Personal SRT equipment – suitability and use
- SRT personal skills – pitch head / descent / ascent / deviations / rebelay etc
- Self Rescue – improvisation in case of equipment failure or loss etc

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- Ropes and Knots for SRT
- Use of Rigging Guides / Topos
- Rigging for SRT – principles / personal safety / traverse lines / pitch head / rebelays / deviations
- Conversion of SRT Rigging for lifeline / group abseil / group lower
- Use and suitability of Personal SRT equipment for lifelining / lowering / rescue
- Consideration and use of Travelling Ladders

Your next steps

The candidate needs to continue to log experience in preparation for their next update workshop.