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Quest Assessments

Assessment Timings and Cost

Quest Entry - A yearly Mystery Visit and one day Assessment, renewable annually and costs £1150 (plus VAT). A £100 discount is given if a Centre has their Assessment in the month they are due (their anniversary month) and payment is received by the end of the month the assessment takes place.

Quest Active Communities Entry - A one day Assessment, renewable annually and costs £850 (plus VAT). A £100 discount is given if a Team has their Assessment in the month they are due (their anniversary month) and payment is received by the end of the month the assessment takes place.

Quest Plus – A Mystery Visit and two-day Assessment in Year 1, followed by a Mystery Visit and a one day review a year later. This will cost £1450 (plus VAT) in Year 1 and £1150 (plus VAT) in the second year. A £200 discount is given on the second cycle if the Centre has their Assessment in the month it is due (their anniversary month) and payment is received by the end of the month the assessment takes place.

Quest Active Communities Plus – A two-day Assessment in Year 1, followed by a one day review a year later. This will cost £1350 (plus VAT) in the first year and £800 (plus VAT) in the second year. A £200 discount is given on the second cycle if the Team has their assessment in the month it is due (their anniversary month) and payment is received by the end of the month the assessment takes place.

	Full Cost (excl. vat)	Discounted Rate (excl. vat)
Quest Entry	£1150	£1000
Quest Plus (Year 1)	£1450	£1250
Quest Directional Review	£1150	£950
Quest AC Entry	£850	£750
Quest AC Plus (Year 1)	£1350	£1150
Quest AC Directional Review	£800	-
Quest Combo (Year 1)	£2500	£2200
Quest Combo (Year 2)	£1400	£1300

Quest Stretch – A Mystery Visit, one-day Unannounced Entry assessment and one-day Validation on 2 chosen modules. The facility must achieve Excellent in their Unannounced assessment in order to progress to the validation. A 2500 Word submission will be submitted prior to the Validation for each chosen module. This will cost £1950 (plus VAT) in the first year. No payment will be due in the second year.

- If a team does not pass Stage 1, they can go through Day 2 of a Plus assessment at no additional cost.
- If a team does not pass Stage 2 (Validation), they can go through Day 2 of a Plus assessment to try and maintain their Excellent banding, at an additional cost of £600.

Please note the Mystery Visitor will endeavour to do an activity within the facility however this may not always be possible.

As part of our continuous improvement, we have a comprehensive mentoring programme for our Assessors so you may have two Assessors at your Centre or with your Team, you will be informed in advance if mentoring will take place during your Assessment. You can opt out of this if you do not wish for mentoring to take place at your centre or with your team.

Module choices (Quest Plus only)

Module choices have to be received within the office at least 2 weeks prior to the assessment, they cannot be changed after this point.

If they are not received by this time the modules will be automatically selected by the Quest office. They are as follows

- *Quest for Facilities*
 - GPLUS10 Engaging with Disabled People
 - GPLUS13 Engaging with Children 0-11 Years
 - GPLUS16 Programming for All
 - GPLUS30 Safeguarding
 - GPLUS32 Increasing Participation and Reducing Inactivity (Non-Scored)

- *Active Communities*
 - GPLUS13 Engaging with Children 0-11 Years
 - GPLUS23 Engaging with Young People 12-19 Years
 - GPLUS25 Engaging with the Voluntary Sector
 - GPLUS30 Safeguarding
 - GPLUS31 Getting the Inactive Active (Non-Scored)

Centres cannot select SPLUS48 Health and Safety plus SPLUS18 ukactive modules together in the same assessment. If a centre wishes to select SPLUS28 Swim England Learn to Swim, they must also select SPLUS20 Swimming Lessons.

If you wish to go through GPLUS37 Engaging with Disabled People and People with Long Term Health Conditions, SPLUS18 ukactive and SPLUS28 Swim England Learn to Swim these modules need to be selected within 7 days of the Purchase Order being received into the office as these modules need specialist assessors.

For all Quest Plus assessments, facilities and teams must now pick their non-scored module from a pre-selected list. These are as follows:

Quest for Facilities	Active Communities
GPLUS10 Engaging with Disabled People	GPLUS10 Engaging with Disabled People
GPLUS13 Engaging with Children 0-11 Years	GPLUS13 Engaging with Children 0-11 Years
GPLUS16 Programming for All	GPLUS23 Engaging with Young People 12-19 Years
GPLUS23 Engaging with Young People 12-19 Years	GPLUS25 Engaging with the Voluntary Sector
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Anniversary Date

The month that a Centre or Team have their first Quest assessment will become that Centre or Team's anniversary date which will mean the renewal of that centre or teams' registration will always fall on that date. If the second cycle or later assessment takes place later than the anniversary date, the anniversary date remains the same.

For example:

- If a centre or team undergo an Entry assessment in May 2014, they will have an anniversary date of May 2015
- If a centre or team undergo a Plus assessment in May 2014, they will have an anniversary date of May 2016 but their Directional Review will be due in May 2015.
- If a centre or team undergo a Stretch assessment in May 2014, they will have anniversary date of May 2016

It is the Centre's and Team's responsibility to maintain their Quest registration. If a Centre or Team fail to go through their Assessment in the month they are due they will be withdrawn from the Quest scheme.

In exceptional circumstances we do offer two options which allow a centre or a team to maintain their accreditation even if they are unable to go through in their anniversary month.

The first option allows a centre or a team to delay their assessment by three months from their anniversary month. This needs to be agreed with the Quest office prior to their anniversary month. With this option the anniversary month does not change.

The second option allows a centre or a team to pay for a freeze on their accreditation. They will remain Quest accredited but they can move their anniversary month to a more convenient time. The freeze costs £100 a month from their current anniversary date and be taken up to 12 months from the due month.

Unless a freeze option is paid for a centre or team cannot delay for more than 3 months.

We also offer an option for those that are changing contractors. To stay in the scheme the centre can defer their assessment for up to 6 months (from the date they take over the contract), but their renewal date remains the same.

Payment Terms

An Assessment cannot be organised and confirmed until a Purchase Order number and application form have been received. Once the Purchase Order number has been received an invoice will be sent, this invoice must be paid within one month of the Assessment date taking place.

The report will not be sent until payment has been received.



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Cancellation and Postponement Policy:

We understand that in exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to postpone or cancel Assessment dates.

If an Assessment has already been booked and needs to be cancelled or postponed, notice needs to be given in writing to the Quest office, and the following scale of charges will apply:

- 61 days or more prior to the Assessment date, a £25 administration fee will apply
- 31 - 60 days prior to the Assessment date, a charge equivalent to 10% of the total Assessment fee will apply
- 15 - 30 days prior to the Assessment date, a charge equivalent to 25% of the total Assessment fee will apply
- 8 - 14 days prior to the Assessment date, a charge equivalent to 50% of the total Assessment fee will apply
- 7 days or less prior to the Assessment date, a charge equivalent to 75% of the total Assessment fee will apply.
- If an assessment has to be cancelled during the day of the assessment due to operational issues the facility or team will be charged £600 plus assessor expenses for a full two-day Plus assessment and £300 plus assessor expenses for a one-day Entry assessment or one-day of a Plus assessment.
- The Mystery Visit is carried out in advance of the Assessment (up to three months in advance) and in the event of a cancellation where the Mystery Visit has already gone ahead you will be invoiced for the cost of this (£300 plus VAT) and you will receive the Mystery Visit report.

We apologise we have to make these charges but we will have costs that need to be covered if there is a cancellation or postponement.

If you are struggling to meet the date arranged, please ring the Quest office, not the Assessor unless it is the night before or on the day of the Assessment.

Quest will only cancel an Assessment in the case of an emergency or unavoidable circumstance. Where possible, a different Assessor will be allocated.

Withdrawing from Quest

Unfortunately, there may come a time when a Centre or Team needs to withdraw from Quest. Please send written notification of your withdrawal through to the Quest office. You will receive a letter confirming your withdrawal.

The date of withdrawal will depend on where you sit within your cycle when you send us notification.

If you do withdraw, we ask Centres and Teams to remove all Quest Plaques and the Quest logos from their marketing, publicity material and from the Centre. Due to trading standards regulations it would be misleading to customers to infer that a Centre or Team has the Quest quality award, therefore should we find that logos are still being used at the Centre or with a Team, they may incur a written warning and potentially a fine of £500.



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Appeals Process

If you wish to appeal against the result of your Quest Assessment, this must be done within two months of the Centre or Team receiving the report. Appeals can be made against the following:

- Content of report (Mystery Visit and Assessment)
- Overall Assessment result.

The process is as follows:

- The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Quest Director – Caroline Constantine within 2 months of the centre or team receiving the report. Detailed information around why a centre or team is appealing must be included.
- The appeal and current report will be reviewed by the Quest Director and discussed with the assessor.
- At this stage the following will happen
 - Overturned, this will be discussed with the manager
 - The appeal will be up-held and the report will be changed and re-sent
 - Centre will be re-assessed, this cost will be at the expense of the client
- The re-assessment will be conducted by a senior assessor. If changes are needed the report will be amended and re-sent.
- After a decision has been made by the Quest Director, further appeals can only be submitted in writing to Sport England. These should be sent to the Quest office who will forward them on to Sport England.

Complaints

If you wish to make a complaint, please contact a member of the Quest team either by phone or email. Please note if you wish to take your complaint further we will require your comments in writing. Quest aims to respond within 10 days of any complaint. If you are not happy with the response to your complaint, please email Andy Couves at Andy.Couves@sportengland.org

Quest Events and Training

Bookings are made subject to the following terms and conditions as set out below:

1. Course Bookings

Bookings may be made by email, letter or phone. Telephone bookings should be confirmed in writing where requested.

2. Provisional Bookings

To register interest in a course, a provisional booking may be taken pending a purchase order, deposit or payment as above but this will not guarantee your place on the course. Secured bookings have priority over provisional bookings.

3. Payment Terms

Our standard payment terms require full payment taken before the date of the course unless otherwise agreed. Payment can be made by credit/debit card, cheque or BACS.

4. Payment by Employers

Please quote purchase order numbers where applicable.



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5. Cancellations

Should circumstances mean that you have to cancel your course and are unable to transfer your booking to another date at the time of cancellation, the following charges will apply:

Written Notice Given	Fee Applied
Over 30 Days	30% of total fee
Between 30 and 14 Days	50% of total fee
Less Than 14 Days	100% of total fee

NB Cancellations must be made in writing by post, fax or email and received by the due date.

7. Non - Attendance

If you do not attend a course, and you have not previously informed us, the full course fee is non-refundable.

8. Late Arrivals/ Missed Sessions

If you arrive late for a course or absent from any session, we reserve the right to refuse to accept you for training if we feel you will gain insufficient knowledge or skills in the time remaining. In all such cases, the full course fee remains payable. To conform with the qualification requirements for statutory certificates, attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

9. Unforeseen Circumstances

On occasions, unforeseen circumstances may require us to cancel a course. In such circumstances you will be given as much notice as possible and either a free transfer to another course date or a full refund of fees paid.

10. VAT

All course fees are subject to the current VAT (valid exemptions only).

Refund Policy

1. Assessments/Test Drives

Should an assessment be cancelled by a team or centre, where full payment has been received in advance a refund will be given for the remainder of the cost (excluding the cancellation fee), within 10 working days of written cancellation being received by the Quest Team.

Refunds will be credited by BACS using the original bank details provided.

2. Events

Should a place be cancelled by a delegate, where full payment has been received in advance a refund will be given for the remainder of the cost (excluding the cancellation fee), within 10 working days of written cancellation being received by the team.

If you do not attend a course, and you have not previously informed us, the full course fee is non-refundable.

If a full refund is approved by the Quest Management Team, the full amount will be credited by BACS using the original bank details provided.

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In such circumstances you will be given as much notice as possible and either a free transfer to another course date or a full refund of fees paid.