

THE AWARD AT HOME IDEAS

Award Leaders

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What advice is the Award giving about COVID-19?

This is a difficult and unsettling time for everyone. The health of everyone involved in the Award is the most important thing to us and must be the primary consideration of the Award network. There will inevitably be significant disruption to planned Award activities in coming weeks and months. We are determined that young people shouldn't miss out on the opportunity to achieve their Award because of COVID-19. We will make sure that we use all the flexibility inherent in the Award program so young people can continue doing their Award, and have the opportunity to achieve their Award, and will be sharing ideas about how Participants can continue their Award at this time.

Is the Award program still working as normal?

Yes, very much so. Of course, we're having to quickly adapt how we do some things in order to reflect the rapidly developing situation. But we're determined that young people shouldn't miss out on the opportunity to achieve their Award because of COVID-19. Our staff will continue to support Award Centres and other partners to carry on delivering the Award in a different way over coming weeks and months.

One of my Participants is particularly concerned about doing their Award activities as they're worried, they'll get the virus. What should I tell them?

Everyone needs to follow the governments advice regarding managing the spread of the virus and their own health. There are lots of way in which Participants can carry on with their Award at home

Should I cancel or postpone upcoming activities, especially the Adventurous Journey and Gold Residential Project?

Our expectation is that all Award Centres and Activity Providers will be following the latest governments advice during the COVID-19 outbreak. Group meetings can continue to take place virtually. Lots of Leaders are putting steps in place to help their Participants to carry on doing their Award remotely and are organising group meetings online. There are lots of way in which Participants can carry on with other activities which can count towards their Award while at home– click [here](#) for more details.

Should Award Centres plan to deliver Adventurous Journey's later this year?

It's impossible to know how long the COVID-19 outbreak will go on for and the safety of everyone involved in Award is our paramount concern. Our advice to Award Centres is that, wherever possible, they should plan to run Adventurous Journeys later in the year pending the advice of State and Territory governments. However, that doesn't mean that all progress must be halted. If you already have a team for the Adventurous Journey, you can keep in contact with your team and supervisor online using emails or chat group. There are many resources available online with activities to develop your navigation, first aid, environmental awareness and camp craft skills that you can do at home.

What happens if I'm ill and I can't lead my Award group remotely?

Your health is the most important thing and you must make sure that you follow all the advice being issued by authority. As an Award Leader, you'll be aware of what plans your Award Centre has in place to deal with your absence. Please remember to inform your National Award Office if you are unable to be the Award Leader so that they liaise with your Award Centre also.

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Some Participants want to change their activities to ones they can do on their own / at home. Is this ok?

Yes, this is fine. The Award framework allows young people to change from one activity to another at any point. In these unique circumstances, it's likely that many Participants will choose to do this, and we're sharing ideas on how young people can safely carry on with elements of their Award activities [here](#). Participants will need to seek approval from their Award Leader before starting their new activities.

Some of the other organisations my Participants are involved with for their Award activities (i.e. charities they're volunteering with) are stopping their activity as part of their COVID-19 response. What can they do instead to make sure they achieve their Award?

We're sharing activities that Participants can do from home [here](#). If there are ideas that are working particularly well for Participants in your community, please encourage them to share this on our social media pages using the hashtag #doferomania

Do you have any suggestions for activities young people can do on their own / remotely?

Yes. We're sharing activity ideas [here](#). If there are ideas that are working particularly well for Participants in your community, please encourage them to share this on our social media pages using the hashtag #doferomania

One of my Participants is turning 25 soon and is concerned they won't complete their Award in time because of the outbreak. Can they be given an extension?

If you have a Participant who is concerned they will not complete their Award by their 25th birthday, discretion may be granted by the National Award Office based on a Participant's extenuating circumstances, this may include major medical issues as well as cancellations of Adventurous Journey's and/or Gold Residential Projects. The extension for Participant to complete their current Award would be for a maximum of 12 months' subject to a minimum 80% of the Award is completed by their 25th birthday. Please contact your National Award Office for further information about how your Participant can apply for an age-extension.

My Participant's Assessor can now no longer act as their Assessor, what should I do?

A Participant's Award Leader can act as their Assessor for the activity. In this instance, Participants need to contact their Award Leader (via email) and request they also act as their Assessor. The Participant should create diary entries, photo and video records as well as use other remote communication channels such as video calls to check in with you.

Gold Award Ceremony

If your Participants were due to attend a Gold Award Ceremony this year, please contact your National Award Office for further information.