

The following adaptations to the Award have been prepared by the International Award Foundation in response to the COVID - 19 environment

August 2021 Update

Please note that if participants are able to carry out all components of the Adventurous Journey Section they should do so. The adaptations only apply where this isn't possible.



These adaptations are applicable until 31 December 2021

Service	Adaptation
<p>If a Participant is in lockdown (Level 3 or 4) for an extended period, they can volunteer for family members as part of their Award activities.</p> <p>They must revert to usual activities once at level 2 or 1.</p> <p>This is applicable at every level of the Award.</p>	<p>If a participant has exhausted all opportunities to do service outside their home; they may continue their Voluntary Service by volunteering for family members – e.g. tutoring a younger sibling, grocery shopping for an elderly relative. This does not include everyday household duties.</p> <p>Prior consent is required from their Award Leader; and they must identify a suitable Assessor (not a family member).</p> <p>The Voluntary Service hours must be logged and evidenced in the ORB as a new activity under the Service section. Selecting 'Others' as the sub category and then typing Covid Exemption in the 'Please specify your category' field. See website for details on how to do this.</p>
Adventurous Journey	Adaptation:
<p>Only the Award Leader can set up a COVID exemption for the Adventurous Journey Section.</p> <p>Instructions on how to do this have been sent out in the 23rd August Award Leader Newsletter.</p>	<p>When an Award Leader is confident that the learning outcomes have been achieved in the participant's Preparation and Training, and that health and safety risk is covered by the Award Unit's Safety Management System, the Award Leader can choose to waive the Practice Journey requirement provided the following applies (see below):</p> <p>Please be aware that some Adventurous Journey Providers under their safety management system are not able to accept COVID adaptations please talk to them before booking any trips.</p>

<p>Bronze, Silver and Gold: Award Leaders can waive the requirement for a Practice Journey <i>OR</i> where a Practice has been previously completed, it can be counted as the Qualifying Journey provided they are not a direct entrant.</p>	<p>For Silver and Gold, the Participant must have completed the previous level.</p> <p>Prior consent is required from the Award Leader. The Award Leader must be confident that the participant is able to do a Qualifying Journey safely and competently.</p> <p>The participants must come together (either virtually or previously in person) to plan and prepare for the journey.</p>
<p>Adventurous Journeys may be organised in a familiar environment. This is applicable at every level of the Award.</p>	<p>This change is intended for locations where AJs can be conducted while physical distancing is in place. It will address health and safety concerns and where there are restrictions on travel.</p> <p>Participants must still complete the key learning outcomes, such as teamwork and leadership skills.</p>
<p>It is permitted for participants to use a home, or venue such as a school gym, as accommodation during Adventurous Journeys.</p>	<p>This allowance is for locations where AJs can be conducted safely and in line with New Zealand regulation while physical distancing is in place. It addresses health and safety concerns and restrictions on travel.</p> <p>This adaptation also caters for when physical distancing measures are lifted but where young people are not allowed to share sleeping accommodation due other conditions that may apply</p>
<p>Gold Residential Project</p>	
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<p>Age requirements</p>	
<p>Any participants who have or will be turning 25 in the coming months will be given until 31 December 2022 within which to complete their current Award level.</p> <p>This is applicable at every level of the Award.</p>	