

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

Please note that if participants can carry out components of their Award without adaptations, then they should do so.

The adaptations only apply where this isn't possible and are applied at the Award Leader's discretion.

Current Covid Adaptations - April 2022 Update

Adventurous Journey Adaptations:

1. Award Leaders can waive the requirement for a Practice Journey OR where a Practice has been previously completed, it can be counted as the Qualifying Journey provided they are not a direct entrant.

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:

- The Award Leader must be confident that the participant is able to do a Qualifying Journey safely and competently.
- For Silver and Gold, the participant must have completed the previous level.
- The participants must come together (either virtually or in person) to plan and prepare for the journey.
- All other Adventurous Journey criteria must be met. You can read these [here](#)

Only the Award Leader can set up a COVID exemption for the Adventurous Journey Section. [Instructions](#)

2. Adventurous Journeys may be organised in a familiar environment. This is applicable at every level of the Award during the red traffic light setting.

This change is intended for locations where AJs can be conducted while physical distancing is in place. Participants must still complete the key learning outcomes, such as teamwork and leadership skills.

3. It is permitted for participants to use a home, or venue such as a school gym, as accommodation during Adventurous Journeys in the red traffic light setting.

This allowance is for locations where AJs can be conducted safely and in line with New Zealand regulation while physical distancing is in place. 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.

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. If you are looking for somewhere to do your Adventurous Journey please check out our [Accredited Providers](#)

Gold Residential Project

1. You are able to return home each night during the red traffic light setting

All other criteria must be met.

Examples: Online workshops where there is group interaction, volunteering for 5 days and returning home each night.

[Residential Project Ideas](#)

2. You are able to complete your Residential Project over two weekends

Age Requirements

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. This is applicable at every level of the Award.

The National Office does recognise that there may be a need in some areas for adaptations and will consider these on a case-by-case basis when Award Leaders submit these in writing to the National Office communitydelivery@dofehillary.org.nz