

BCU Awarding Body

Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport

Transfer Module

Pre- Course Information



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1. Why Transfer?

Active Coaches who hold BCU Coaching Qualifications obtained prior to the development of awards with UKCC accreditation have a number of choices;

- **Continue to coach under the remit of their existing qualifications**

It is important to appreciate that the BCU will continue to recognise coaches with BCU Coaching Qualifications gained prior to UKCC endorsement, whilst they meet BCU Update requirements, indefinitely. Coaches will continue to be registered on the BCU system, and will be able to train and assess candidates for BCU awards where they are qualified to do so. Coaches who choose not to remain updated will not be recognised by the BCU as active coaches and as such will lose any assessor endorsements.

- **Transfer their qualifications to the new scheme**

Coaches should transfer their qualifications to the UKCC endorsed awards where they see value. This may be in the form of:

- **Personal Development;** the UKCC endorsed awards may provide coaches with the opportunity to develop certain aspects of their skill set
- **Increased remit;** for example the Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport, qualifies coaches to work with paddlers in any craft
- **Increased recognition;** the UKCC endorsed awards meet nationally set standards for coaching, and as consequently are likely to be valued higher by employers and clients
- **Demand led;** due to the establishment of a national set of standards for sports coaching, some employers may require the UKCC endorsed qualification
- **Remaining Current;** Coaches may want their skills recognised on the same scale as new coaches coming through

The choice to transfer lies entirely with the candidate, the process will involve an element of assessment against the new assessment criteria, taking into consideration the candidates' previous experience and qualifications. When a Coach transfers they will not lose other BCU Coaching Qualifications that they may also hold.

2. Why choose a BCU (UKCC) Qualification?

- ⊙ Our qualifications give you the hands on knowledge and competence to coach paddlesport activity
- ⊙ The BCU has over 30 years experience running coach training and assessment qualifications
- ⊙ A BCU qualification is endorsed as a Nationally recognised award by the UKCC
- ⊙ We are the only Awarding Body offering the United Kingdom Coaching Certificate in Paddlesport Coaching
- ⊙ Whatever your past experience, skills or specific needs the BCU Awarding Body will give you support and impartial advice
- ⊙ BCU Coaching Qualifications have been accepted as the industry standard coaching qualifications for over 30 years

BCU Awarding Body is the Awarding Body recognised and regulated by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) and created with the aim of offering vocational paddlesport coaching qualifications.

The BCU Awarding Body mission is to provide the sport with qualifications which are relevant and fit for purpose through a quality assured and cost effective qualification awarding service. Our qualifications have been accredited by the QCA and SQA against rigorous criteria and have been included in the National Qualifications Framework. This seal of regulatory approval means that you can have every confidence in the robustness and procedures that underpin the qualifications' design and delivery.



The BCU Awarding Body is a division of the British Canoe Union; the National Governing Body for Canoeing in the UK, any proceeds go directly back into the development and advancement of paddlesport coaching!

3. Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport

The Level 2 Certificate in Paddlesport Coaching award is relevant to potential coaches from all paddlesport disciplines including coaches who might work with competitive and non-competitive paddlers. The award develops the foundation coaching skills taught at level 1 that will underpin their future coaching behaviours and practice. The training will aim to ensure coaches develop skills that will benefit any paddler irrespective of what type of boat they are paddling.

This is a generic award and covers all disciplines. Level 2 coaches will work with paddlers predominantly in the LTPD Foundation Paddle sport Phase.

The **Level 2** coach is able to work alone, although would normally be supported by more experienced coaches, delivering sessions safely and effectively. Like the Level 1, this non-discipline specific award is relevant to coaches who wish to coach any paddlesport discipline. Level 2 coaches will work with paddlers predominantly in their first 2-3 years of paddling activity. The Level 2 coach is able to offer guidance and support to the Level 1 Assistant Coach.

The Level 2 Remit

- A Level 2 Coach is trained and assessed to plan, deliver and review a series of four coaching sessions, for paddlers who fall into the LTPD paddlesport start and/or development stage
- The BCU (UKCC) level 2 coach can operate in a sheltered water environment with any canoe sport craft with a ratio of 1:8 (see BCU definitions)
- The BCU (UKCC) Level 2 coach can train and assess paddlers for the BCU 1 and 2 star, Paddle Power 1 and 2, X-stream challenge.

United Kingdom Coaching Certificate (UKCC)

The content of this award has been written in conjunction with the UKCC requirements in order that all coaches who successfully complete the BCU Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport will be recognised by the UKCC framework. The proposed learning outcomes, content and assessment criteria for the BCU award have been mapped against the UKCC requirements to ensure parity.

4. Level 2 Transfer Module

Aim - The aim of the BCU (UKCC) Level 2 Transfer module is to provide coaches with an existing BCU Level 2 coaching award in at least one discipline with the additional training required to pass the BCU (UKCC) Level 2 Assessment and to plan and deliver a series of progressive paddle sport coaching sessions.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the BCU (UKCC) Level 2 Award you should be able to:

- ⊙ Understand the role and responsibilities of a BCU (UKCC) Level 2 Paddle sport Coach
- ⊙ Safely deliver a series of pre-planned paddlesport activities to a variety of different participants
- ⊙ Develop participants paddlesport performance
- ⊙ Evaluate participants performance
- ⊙ Review own coaching sessions

Time to Complete

The transfer module is run over 7 hours. This can be offered as a one day course, or over a series of evenings or 1:1 work. Between the transfer module and assessment you will need to plan, deliver and review a number of coaching sessions, which you will need to log. You will also need to complete a number of home study exercises and an additional CPD unit or obtain a 3 star award in an alternative discipline.

The final assessment itself is fairly straight forward. The assessment takes place over one day when you will be observed via a number of tasks including two coaching sessions.

Your Training Director

The Training Director is the person responsible for running your Level 2 Transfer Module; they will introduce themselves at the start of your course and help you through the learning experience!

The Level 2 Induction Pack

When you register with BCU Awarding Body or Home Nation, you will receive your induction pack, this includes some things to browse through and familiarise yourself with:

- ⊙ Candidate Pack – Section 1 Candidate Pack

- ⊗ Candidate Pack – Section 2 Candidate Portfolio
- ⊗ Candidate Pack – Section 4 Assessment Pack

And some tasks to complete and take with you to your course:

- ⊗ *Medical Screening Form*
- ⊗ Self Benchmarking Task

Your course provider will provide you with the specific details of your transfer module.

5. Level 2 Certificate Pre-requisites

For Transfer Module

- Level 2 Registration (CR Form)
- Existing BCU Level 2 award in one discipline
 - 2 Star in Canoe and Kayak, or Paddlepower Discover
 - BCU 3 star Certificate in any discipline (for boat based coaches)
 - Relevant Safety Training: Foundation Safety and Rescue or Canoe Safety Test

For Assessment

- A first aid certificate recognised by the BCU (minimum 4 hrs)
- BCU 3 star **Competence** in their alternative disciplines (single blade & double bladed discipline) (boat based coach)
- 18 years of age
- Completed level 2 training
- Completed a minimum of 20 logged hours of relevant - quality coaching experience
- Completed assessment tasks in candidate assessment pack
- Completion of one CPD units of your choice (see below)

6. Level 2 CPD Optional Units:

As a pre requisite to your level 2 assessment you will need to complete at least one optional unit from the list below. Alternatively the completion of a second 3 Star Award would be recognised.

Additional Discipline Knowledge

Slalom
Racing
Polo
WW Racing

Foundation Supporting Knowledge

Fitness for Paddlesport
Coaching the Mind
Planning Skills for Paddlers
Outdoor Education and Paddlesport

Surf	Inclusive paddling
Freestyle	Coaching Young Paddlers
	Mentoring Skills for Paddlesport Coaches

After your assessment you will be required to evidence CPD every three years, you can complete additional units to those done as part of your level 2 assessment to evidence this. The additional discipline knowledge units will allow you to extend your level 2 coaching role into alternative disciplines.

7. Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) / Accredited Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)

Candidates who have covered the course material through alternative learning opportunities can apply to the BCU Awarding Body for Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL). The BCU Awarding Body aims to recognise learners' previous achievements and experience through APL. Evidence may be acquired through additional study, employment, or voluntary work that relates to the units within the BCU Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport. This evidence can be submitted to BCU Awarding Body for review of authenticity/currency and mapping against the learning outcomes and assessment criteria. The APL Guidelines are available from BCU Awarding Body upon request.

8. What next?

If candidates want to achieve the BCU (UKCC) Level 2 Paddlesport Coach Qualification they need to:

- Find a course that will suit their needs and book a place.
- Register with a BCU Awarding Body Delivery Centre (see section 9 page 9) - All candidates are required to register with a BCU Delivery Centre prior to embarking on the Level 2 transfer module. Registration forms can either be obtained directly from BCU Awarding Body, from the Home Nation Delivery Centre (Canoe Association of Northern Ireland, Canoe England, Scottish Canoe Association or Welsh Canoeing Association), or via the course provider.

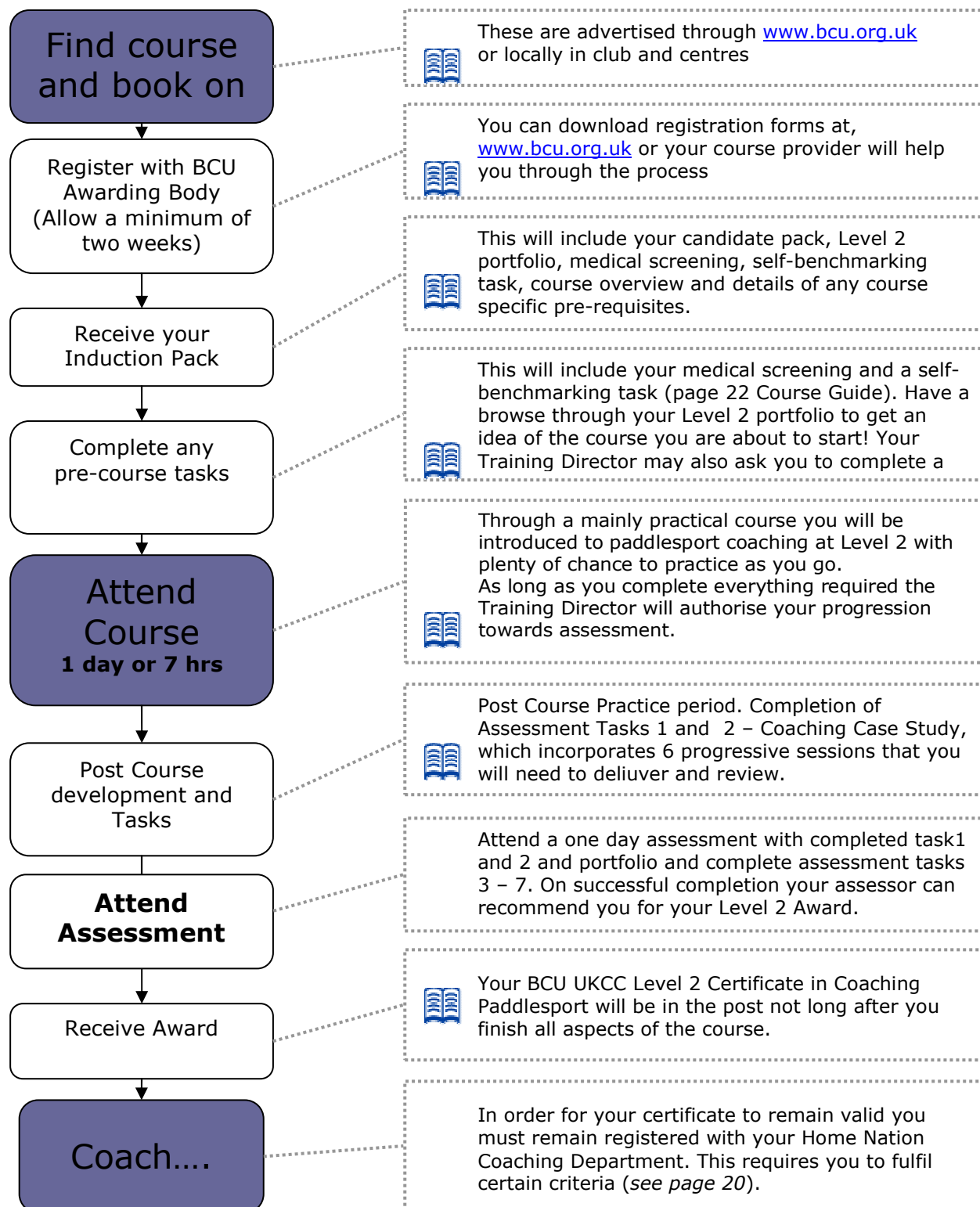
Governing Body Registration

All candidates are required to register with their Home Nation Governing Body by completing a registration form prior to attending the course. The registration fee covers the cost of your candidate pack and Level 2 workbook, it also supports the

development and administration of the award with a proportion of the fee going to each of BCU UK coaching, BCU Awarding Body and your Home Nation National Governing Body. It's really important that we get this information to you before the course, so don't delay.

The road to BCU UKCC Level 2 Certificate in Coaching

Paddlesport



9. Contact Details:

Further information can be obtained from the Home Nation Associations or from BCU Awarding Body:

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