

# THE BOS MOUNTAIN LEADER SCHEME

## Question and answer review document

March 2009

As you will hopefully be aware, there is a somewhat interesting twelve months ahead for BOS and Mountaineering Ireland. With the positive acceptance from both the Boards of BOS and MLTNI to attend joint talks, with an outlook to the future development of mountain training on the Island of Ireland, we hope to seize opportunities to positively review a number of current practices within the structure of the BOS award schemes.

As these joint talks will undoubtedly have a bearing on your future delivery of training and assessment schemes across Ireland, it will be essential to not only keep you informed, but also to seek your guidance and expertise on many matters that may well be influenced in the future through the findings of these talks.

Undoubtedly one of the major discussion points that may develop throughout these twelve months will be the similarities and differences that currently exist between award schemes administered by the two Boards. In particular the Mountain Leader scheme and its current path to assessment will be examined and possibly reviewed. Following on from the BOS ML review of 2007 (Garten OEC), I would request that you could take a look through the following documents and return to me with any suggested feedback and direction you would like to have considered within any future development review.

**Please return completed form on or before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

by email to -

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PREFERRED CONTACT

### YOUR EXPERIENCE

1. How many BOS ML training schemes have you worked/directed  
(please include most recent date)
2. How many BOS ML assessment schemes have you worked/directed  
(please include most recent date)
3. Have you experience of working/directing/observing other Boards ML training or assessment  
(please give details)

## DURATION OF TRAINING/ASSESSMENT

<p>1. How many student/trainer contact hours do you think are delivered on a complete BOS ML training? In your experience is this sufficient? <i>(Please comment)</i></p>
<p>2. How many candidate/assessor contact hours do you think are delivered on a BOS ML assessment? In your experience is this sufficient? <i>(Please comment)</i></p>
<p>3. Are there any aspects of the BOS ML training syllabus that you feel are currently omitted or under trained? <i>(Please give details)</i></p>
<p>4. Are there any aspects of the BOS ML assessment syllabus that you feel are currently omitted or under assessed? <i>(Please give details)</i></p>

## CONSOLIDATION PERIOD

<p>1. Would you like to see any changes to the format of the current BOS ML log book? <i>(if yes, please state what changes)</i></p>
<p>2. Are the current minimum requirements that students must demonstrate as logged experience sufficient? Please see attached document X. <i>(if no, please state why not)</i></p>
<p>3. Should the requirement to hold current first aid to pass assessment continue to be the responsibility of BOS? <i>(please give reasons why)</i></p>
<p>4. Is there any further requirement that you would like to see added to the consolidation period for students to fulfil? <i>(if yes please give details)</i></p>

## SCHEME DURATION

1. What benefits would you see to extending the current 3 day assessment to a 5 day assessment?
2. What drawbacks would you see to extending the current 3 day assessment to a 5 day assessment?
3. If there were an additional 2 days added to the ML assessment, do you think the MSA should still be a pre-requirement for ML training?

## STAFFING ISSUES

1. Do you feel that the current staffing ratio of 1:4 should be continued for all aspects of ML training and assessment? <i>(if no please give your recommendations)</i>
2. Do you agree with the required level of experience stated by BOS to course direct an ML training? <i>(please see document xx, and comment)</i>
3. Do you agree with the required level of experience stated by BOS to course direct an ML assessment? <i>(please see document xx, and comment)</i>
4. Do you agree with the required level of experience stated by BOS to work on an ML training? <i>(please see document xx, and comment)</i>
5. Do you agree with the required level of experience stated by BOS to work on an ML assessment? <i>(please see document xx, and comment)</i>

## ADMINISTRATION

1. ML training is generally split into ML1 and ML2 or run as a 5 day ML week. Have you any further suggestions for different programme division?
2. BOS currently administers the ML assessment. Would you like to see this opened to individual providers?  
*(Please give reasons)*
3. Have you any recommendations of changes that you would like to see made in the current BOS training and assessment reporting format?  
*(please give details)*
4. In 2009 we are introducing the BOS provider sticker system. All candidates on completion of each ML training block must have approval stickers placed in their log book. The current cost for the approved provider to purchase these stickers is €5. This fee goes towards supporting the costs associated with the running of the training office and the associated training schemes. Do you think that this cost is acceptable?  
*(Please give feedback)*

## FURTHER COMMENT/SUGGESTIONS