



Mountain Leader Overview

Transitional arrangements & timeline.

As you will probably be aware the two training boards in Ireland have been replaced by a single All Ireland Training Board, Mountain Training Board Ireland, MTBI. This new board took up position on 1st January 2018. Mountain Training boards of the UK & Ireland administer several shared awards, such as the Mountain Leader, Hill & Moorland Leader, Lowland Leader, Climbing Wall Instructor, Climbing Wall Development Instructor and Rock Climbing Instructor. The awards share the same syllabi and outcomes, but the pathway or prospectus differs in the case of the Mountain Leader Award. The new training board has made transitional arrangements on the way to implementing an agreed single pathway.

This document outlines the current differences in the ML pathway for the UK & Ireland and describes the time line for transition in Ireland towards a single preferred pathway, whilst still acknowledging the alternate pathway in the rest of the UK.

Currently there are two pathways to Mountain Leader, which are:

1. In Ireland

1. Completion of the 2 day Mountain Skills Assessment.
2. Register for the Mountain Leader Award.
3. Complete the 60 hour Mountain Leader Training Course, this can take place over a five day course or a split two day Mountain Leader 1 and three day Mountain Leader 2.
4. Consolidation period, where the assessment requirements are gathered.
5. Attend a 3 day Mountain Leader Assessment.

2. In the UK (including Northern Ireland)

1. Register for the Mountain Leader Award.
2. Complete the 60 hour Mountain Leader Training Course, this can take place over a six day course or 3 two day Mountain Leader courses.
6. Consolidation period, where the assessment requirements are gathered.
7. Attend a 5 day Mountain Leader Assessment.

***The all-Ireland agreed prospectus for the Mountain Leader Award post transition period is as follows:**

1. Completion of the 2 day Mountain Skills Assessment.
2. Register for the Mountain Leader Award.
3. Complete the 60 hour Mountain Leader Training Course, this can take place over a five or 6 day course or a split version of the same.
4. Consolidation period, where the assessment requirements are gathered.
5. Attend a 4 day Mountain Leader Assessment.

Transitional arrangements & time line

Registrations:

- Registrants from 01/03/19 will follow the all-Ireland agreed new prospectus shown above*.
- Registrants pre 01/03/19 continue the pathway they started until; the last 6 day training (31/12/19), and the last 3 or 5 day assessment (01/03/22).

Training:

- Last 6 day ML training course, 31/12/19.
- Candidates trained up till 31/12/19 can continue to sit the appropriate 3 or 5 day Mountain Leader Assessment until 01/03/21.
- All candidates trained after 31/12/19, will follow the all-Ireland agreed new prospectus shown above*.

Mountain Leader Assessment.

- Last 3 day or 5 day Mountain Leader Assessment 01/03/22.
- Launch 4 day Mountain Leader Assessments 01/03/19. (Unlikely any courses until at least 03/2020.)
- Move to all 4 day Mountain Leader Assessment from 02 March 2022.

In summary

Launch of single pathway*

Date: 01/03/19
Registrations: 01/03/19
Training: 01/03/19
Assessments: 01/03/19

Withdrawal of dual pathways

Last Registrations: 01/03/2019
Last Training: 31/12/2019
Last Assessment: 01/03/2022