

DofE Temporary Changes

Advice for completing the volunteering, physical and skills sections

This document provides advice on completing the physical, skill and volunteering sections. Many of you will have been unable to complete your original activity. The DofE have made adjustments to help you to complete your award.

Please refer to the electronic assessor report guide illustrating how you can get your award signed off during lockdown conditions.

This is a summary of the **temporary changes** DofE have introduced to help you complete on time:

- Participants can now **volunteer for family members** – e.g. mentoring or coaching younger siblings
- Participants can now **change activities more than once** – time spent on previous activities will still count. You will need an assessor report for both activities though.
- **Timescales** - you can now choose to do your section activities less regularly, but for a longer period – so instead of doing an hour each week, you could think about doing two hours every other week if that fits better with your chosen activity. The activity must still be spread across the number of months you've chosen to spend on that section but you could do 4 hours per month on one day.

If you haven't yet started one of your sections this is the perfect opportunity, the DofE requirements have never been more flexible! The link below provides some example activities that can be completed at home.

<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/activities>

The DofE have also provided some useful FAQs for participants:

<https://www.dofe.org/coronavirus/faqs-participants>

It is also worth checking the opportunity finder if you're still struggling for ideas:

<https://www.dofe.org/opportunity-finder/opportunity-for-dofe-participant/>

Here are some tips if you can't find someone to be your assessor, though I'm sure Princethorpe Staff (for example your tutor) will happily help you out:

<https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/assessors>

Well done to all DofE participants for their continued commitment to the scheme in the current climate.