



Queen's Badge Regulations

Awarded from year 6, **The Queen's Badge**, is the highest award that a young person can gain as a member of The Boys' Brigade. It aims to challenge young people, provide new opportunities and expand their horizons. Queen's Badge activities will normally be spread over two or more sessions, and this will be reflected in the Candidate's agreed *Programme of Activity*.

1. **Hold the President's Badge.**

2. **Attend a Queen's Badge Candidates' Conference.**

This should be undertaken as soon as possible after registration for the Queen's Badge. At it the candidate will agree an individual *Programme of Activity*.

3. **Participate in skills-based training.**

This should be undertaken as soon as possible after registration, and not less than 6 months prior to completion. Training should include at least **one** of the following, and may be provided by the Brigade or other suitable external agencies:

(a) Practical Skills Training:

- i. Relevant skills-based training to support work in the Company or Church
- ii. Relevant skills-based training to support service to others
- iii. Relevant life-skills training to support the personal development of the individual

(b) Leadership Skills Training

Relevant training to enhance the leadership skills of the individual

4. **Take Responsibility within the Brigade or Church.**

The candidate is expected to assume an appropriate degree of responsibility for an aspect of BB or Church activity. A minimum of **30 hours activity** is required across the planned period of involvement, and could include two or more different experiences in two or more Brigade Sessions. Activities can be at any level within the Brigade or Church, and the candidates may benefit from undertaking part of this activity outside their own Company or Church.

The candidate is encouraged to explore options suitable to their own situation and are invited to submit proposals as part of their planned *Programme of Activity*. These may include (but are not restricted to) the following:

(a) Responsibility for others within the Brigade or Church:

- i. Work with younger members of the Company or Church in a regular programme of activity for an agreed period of time
- ii. Work with peers within the Brigade or Church in a regular programme of activity for an agreed period of time

(b) Projects and activities within the Brigade or Church:

- i. Take responsibility for the planning or delivery of all or part of an event in the Brigade or Church
- ii. Take a responsible role for regular activities within the Brigade or Church for an agreed period of time.
- iii. Take a responsible role for a special project or new initiative within the Brigade or Church for an agreed period of time.

5. **Provide Service or Support to Others outside the Brigade or Church**

The candidate is expected to undertake practical voluntary service to others in the Community. A minimum of **30 hours activity** is required across the planned period of involvement, and could include two or more different experiences in two or more Brigade Sessions.

Voluntary service or support may be provided in one or more of the following areas:

(a) Voluntary service to individuals or groups outside the Company:

Undergo appropriate briefing, then provide regular practical service to individuals or groups of people in the community for an agreed period of time.

(b) Voluntary service to other agencies working with individuals or groups in the

Community:

Undergo appropriate briefing, then provide regular practical service to another agency or charitable cause with direct benefit to other people for an agreed period of time.

(c) Voluntary work in the wider community:

Undergo appropriate briefing, then provide regular practical service as part of a group of people working for the benefit of the community at large for an agreed period of time.

6. **Develop Interests**

The candidate must undertake **at least two** activities from the following three sections:

(a) Skills: Learn a new skill, or develop an existing one.

(b) Physical: Take part in a new activity, or improve an existing one.

NB Where both of the above activities are chosen, participation should be for a minimum of 6 months in one of the above, and 3 months in the other. Where only one is chosen, participation should be for a minimum of 6 months.

(c) Expedition / Exploration:

Encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery by preparing for and carrying out an adventurous journey as part of a team. Undergo appropriate training, including at least one supervised practice venture, then undertake a 3-day, 2-night venture with at least 7 hours planned daytime activity (e.g. *journeying or exploration*) per day.



7. **Participate in a Completion Course**

The candidates must participate fully in a Completion Residential:

(a) No earlier than the session equivalent to S5 (Scotland and Éire); Year 12 (England & Wales) or Year 13 (Northern Ireland),

(b) Not less than 12 months from the date of registration, and

(c) Not less than 6 months from the completion of skills-based training.

The Completion Course is not a training course; but will provide opportunities for personal and shared reflection and evaluation; to share experiences, celebrate achievements, challenge opinions, and explore new opportunities within the Brigade, Church and wider community.

8. **Record Activity**

The Candidate should maintain a Log of Activity and Record of Achievement. This Record Book will be their record for all activities and work completed. The assessor in each area will be directly responsible for supervising progress and reporting on the candidate's contribution and achievement. The record book encourages young people to record activity in a variety of different ways, *e.g. video, presentation, blog etc.*