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**The Hong Kong Award for Young People
Award Operating Authority**

To : AOA User Units concerned
From : Award Operating Authority
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Extension on Temporary Changes on the Award Requirements

With the effects of the continuous COVID-19 pandemic, it has become increasingly difficult to continue the Award in their usual way. The Award plays a crucial role in supporting the individual health and wellbeing of Award participants. With this in mind, the Award Council has passed to adopt the following temporary changes to avoid interruption to Awards during the pandemic, protect each participant's experience and maintain the educational outcomes intended for the expedition experience. Details are as follows:

1 Maximum Age Limit

User Units are encouraged to recommend participants who are in need of age extension to apply for Upper Age Extension. Applications will be considered in a lenient way.

2 Temporary Arrangements on Expeditions Section

2.1 If participants have completed a standard Expeditions Final Practice Journey on or before 31 December 2021, the Final Practice Journey can be regarded as an Assessment Journey, this temporary arrangement applies to Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

Award Level	HKAYP Standard (in days)	Special Arrangement during COVID-19 (in days)
Bronze	1FP + 1FP + 2FPJ + 2AJ = 6 days	1FP + 1FP + 2FPJ/AJ = 4 days
Direct Silver	1FP + 2FP + 2PJ + 3FPJ + 3AJ = 11 days	1FP + 2FP + 2PJ + 3FPJ/AJ = 8 days
Progressive Silver	1FP + 2FP + 3FPJ + 3AJ = 9 days	1FP + 2FP + 3FPJ/AJ = 6 days
Direct Gold	1FP + 2FP + 2PJ + 3PJ + 4FPJ + 4AJ = 16 days	1FP + 2FP + 2PJ + 3PJ + 4FPJ/AJ = 12 days
Progressive Gold	2FP + 2FP + 4FPJ + 4AJ = 12 days	2FP + 2FP + 4FPJ/AJ = 8 days

Remarks:

FP = Field Practice

PJ = Practice Journey

FPJ=Final Practice Journey

AJ = Assessment Journey

2.3 User Units may consider arranging participants to go home, camp in school halls or campsites in Bronze, Silver and Gold levels Expeditions Training Courses. This measure applies to Expeditions journeys which are held on or before 31 December 2021. (Please refer to the attached “Precautions for Expeditions Section Activities under COVID-19” for more details)

Should you have any enquiry, please feel free to contact me or our Senior Officer – Award Service and Operations, Mr Ivan HO, at 2157 8610. Thank you for your kind attention.



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