



England Netball  
London & South East Regional Unit

## **C Award Pathway**

- 1. Attend a C Course**
- 2. Pass the Written Assessment**
- 3. Enter Umpiring Experience in the Log Book**
- 4. Pass Practical Pre-assessment**
- 5. Pass the Practical Assessment**

### **FAQs**

**1. Q. Do I have to attend a C Award Course before applying for my Practical Assessment?**

A. Yes.

You must attend a C Award Course within 2 years of applying for the Written Assessment.

**2. Q. Can Learner Umpires go out of County and Region to attend a C Course?**

A. Yes.

**3. Q. Do I have to attend a C Award Written Course before applying for my Written Assessment?**

A. No.

**4. Q. If I do not pass my Written Assessment at the first attempt how long do I have to wait before I can retake the Written Assessment?**

A. If the Learner Umpire does not pass at the first attempt, she/he may be able to retake another paper on the same day, if the invigilator is able to do this.

If the Learner Umpire does not pass again, then she/he can retake for a third time after a period of three months. If the Learner Umpire does not pass at the first attempt, she/he may be able to retake another paper on the same day, if the invigilator is able to do this.

If the Learner Umpire does not pass for a third (or fourth) time, then she/he **must** attend a further C Award Course before retaking the Written Assessment.

**5. Q. Is it important which matches I umpire as evidence for my Log Book?**

A. Yes.

The Log Book must contain a variety of matches which are appropriate to the level of the C Award. (This must include a minimum of at least 4 matches as identified by County Umpiring Personnel within your county)

**6. Q. Do I have to have a mentor before applying for my Pre-assessment?**

A. No.

It is not mandatory to be mentored before applying for a Pre-assessment. However, it will be helpful to you if you can work with a mentor (ideally one who is a C Award Assessor or above), who can help you to progress to the appropriate standard.

Please contact your County Umpiring Secretary for details of mentors.

**7. Q. How do I arrange my C Award Pre-assessment?**

A. Please contact your County Umpiring Secretary to request a Pre-assessment. The Pre-assessment is set up by the CUS. You will need to show the CUS that you have been on a C Award course, and have passed the C Award Written Assessment which must have been within the previous two years.

The matches used for Pre-assessments will be of a standard equivalent to that of an Assessment. The Pre-assessment must be outside of the Learner Umpire's normal umpiring environment.

Please be aware that a successful Pre-assessment means that the Assessor considers that the candidate is of a suitable standard to take the C Award Practical Assessment, it is not a guarantee that the candidate will pass the C Award Practical Assessment.

**8. Q. Can my Mentor take my Pre-assessment?**

A. No.

**9. Q. What is expected of me at a Pre-assessment?**

A. Learner Umpires will be expected to be match fit and the Assessor will only sign the C Application form if this fitness is maintained for the whole duration of the match.

The Assessor will also be looking at the candidate's quality of umpiring and her/his personal skills. The guidelines for awarding a pass mark in the Pre-assessment are either "within one mark of the C Award level pass mark" or "with only 1 significant area to work on".

The signed Application form must be submitted to the CUS **within one month** of the date of a successful Pre-assessment.

**10. Q. Who is responsible for the travelling expenses of the Assessor for a Pre-assessment?**

A. The Learner Umpire. The Learner Umpire should check with the Assessor before the date of the Pre-assessment what her/his expenses are likely to be.

**11. Q. Is the Learner Umpire paid by the team for umpiring when being Pre-assessed or Assessed?**

A. No.

Counties must make this clear to the teams involved in the Pre-assessment and Assessment.

**12. Q. When will I know about my C Award Practical Assessment?**

A. The Practical Assessment is set up by your County. Detailed instructions will be sent to the Learner Umpires and Assessors in plenty of time.

The Assessment must be arranged as soon as possible but definitely within three months of the receipt of the Application (unless there are extenuating circumstances). A delay can also occur between the end of one season and the start of the next season. It is the responsibility of the Learner Umpire to ensure that, during the waiting period for an Assessment, she/he maintains their fitness and quality of umpiring.

**13. Q. Can my Mentor take my Practical Assessment?**

A. No.

Your Mentor must not be involved with your Practical Assessment.

**14. Q. What happens if I am injured after my Pre-assessment?**

A. If there is more than six months between the date of the Pre-assessment and the date of the Assessment, the County reserves the right to ask for another Pre-assessment. If this delay is due to a significant injury or illness/surgery, another Pre-assessment will be required before an Assessment can be set up for the Learner umpire.

**15. Q. What should I do if I am injured/unwell when I receive my Assessment date?**

A. This is a personal decision for the Learner Umpire.

However, if you do not think that you will be fully fit on the Assessment date, please consider whether it would be better to ask for another Assessment date, when you expect to be fully fit and can perform to your best.

**16. Q. If I do not pass my Practical Assessment at the first attempt how long do I have to wait before I can retake the Practical Assessment?**

A. A Learner Umpire can apply to retake the Practical Assessment at C Award level three months after the initial NYMC. She/he does not have to attend another Course unless the period of two years has elapsed since the Written Pass date. If this happens the umpire must attend another course and retake the written paper.

A Learner Umpire who re-applies to take the C Award Assessment must be Pre-assessed before applying to retake the Practical Assessment. The Written Assessment is valid for two years and does not need to be retaken if the new Application is submitted within the two year timeline.

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