

Assessment Checklist for Caving



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Introduction

This is an assessment checklist to use in assessing an applicant to gain a permit to lead caving. More details on the permit scheme, assessing, technical skills and caving can be found in resources listed in [FS120084 Scout Led Activities Index](#).

Using this checklist

This checklist is the syllabus that an applicant should be assessed against for the technical section of gaining a permit. The columns on the right of each skill show whether it is applicable for each type of permit:

- P – Personal permits
- L – Leadership permits

Once an assessment is complete the assessor should fill in the back page and give it to the applicant to take to their Commissioner.

Equivalent qualifications

If an applicant holds an award of the British Caving Association from the table below, or equivalent or higher, and has up to date logged experience, then no practical assessment is likely to be required as they have already shown competence in all of the skills listed in this assessment checklist. They will still require a recommendation from an assessor for a Commissioner to grant them a permit.

Qualification	Permit
Local Cave Leader Award Level 1	Caving – No Vertical Pitches – Leadership
Local Cave Leader Award Level 2	Caving with Ladders – Leadership
Local Cave Leader Award Level 2 including SRT for Leaders module	Caving with SRT for the Leader – Leadership
Cave Instructor Certificate	Caving with SRT for the Group – Leadership

Technical publication

If you require any more technical information on any of the elements in the checklist, these can be found in the official technical manual, which is:

Alpine Caving Techniques: A Complete Guide to Safe and Efficient Caving by Georges Marbach and Bernard Torte ISBN 3908495105

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Core Skill	No Vertical Pitches		With Ladders		With SRT for the Leader		With SRT for the Group
	P	L	P	L	P	L	L
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of the difficulty of rescue beyond certain features and constrictions. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of potential problems in the case of an accident to the leader. 		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equipment							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of personal equipment required and how it is used. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of group equipment required and how it is used. 		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of additional equipment required by the leader. 		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of limitations and maintenance of technical equipment used during underground exploration. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of suitable sources of lighting for use underground, including limitations, maintenance and duration. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select and justify suitable rope for underground and show knowledge of how to clean and store them. 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of equipment required for ascending and descending vertical pitches 			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of caving ladders and spreaders, their uses and limitations. 			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Notes

Caving - Permit Assessment

The applicant should keep this form once it has been completed by the assessor and take it to their Commissioner.

Applicant's name		Member No.	
Permit applied for	No Vertical Pitches / With Ladders / SRT for the Leader / SRT for the Group		
Category	Personal / Leadership		
1. TECHNICAL COMPETENCE			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Technical assessment based on competence in all areas of the assessment checklist.			
To be completed by: Either a County Assessor or an external assessor with the appropriate NGB award.			
Restrictions based on technical assessment:			
			Date
Assessor: Signature		Name	
County (if TSA Assessor)		Phone	
2. SCOUT ASSOCIATION RULES			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Check of knowledge of the appropriate Scout Association rules for running caving. Appropriate rules can be found in FS120084 Scout Led Activities Index .			
To be completed by: Either a County Assessor, Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner.			
Restrictions based on knowledge of The Scout Association rules:			
			Date
Signature		Name	Role
3. SAFEGUARDING			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Check applicant has undertaken the necessary personal enquiry checks and received the appropriate safeguarding training.			
To be completed by: Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner.			
Restrictions based on Child Protection:			
			Date
Signature		Name	Role
4. PERSONAL SUITABILITY			Done <input type="checkbox"/>
Description: Check the applicant is suitable (attitude etc) based on the demands of caving.			
To be completed by: Commissioner or nominee of the Commissioner.			
Restrictions based on personal suitability:			
			Date
Signature		Name	Role
5. PERMIT GRANTED			Entered on the membership database <input type="checkbox"/>
Restrictions:			
			Expiry date
Commissioner signature		Date	