



## C Award Pathway

1. Attend an online C Course
2. Pass the online Written Assessment
3. Enter Umpiring experience in the Log Book
4. Pass the Practical Assessment

### FAQs

**1. Q. Do I have to pass the England Netball 'Into Officiating' (IO) Award before I can move forward to the C Award qualification?**

A. Yes.

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

A. Yes.

You must attend an online C Award course and then pass your Written Assessment within 2 years of completing your course.

Application to attend an online C Award Course is via England Netball's ENgage system.

Further information on C award courses can be found on the England Netball's website: [www.englandnetball.co.uk](http://www.englandnetball.co.uk)

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**3. Q. How do I gain practical umpiring experience after the course?**

A. Your County Officiating Lead will be able to advise you on the practical umpiring opportunities within your County.

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

A. No.

**5. Q. How do I apply for my Written Assessment?**

The C award written assessment is now completed on-line and must be taken and passed within 2 years of completing the online C award course.

For Learners who are attending the online C award course, the course fee also includes the written assessment fee. To apply for the C award written assessment, contact Europe Netball using the form [Netball Europe C Award Written Application Form \(google.com\)](#).

**6.Q. If I do not pass the Written Assessment the first time, when can I retake it?**

- A. If you do not pass both sections of the on-line written assessment, you will be given the option of taking another paper in the same sitting. If you are unsuccessful twice, you must reapply to Europe Netball for another resit opportunity.

**7. 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 your County Officiating Personnel). Please note that social league matches are not acceptable, as they are not sanctioned by England Netball and are not covered by England Netball insurance.

**8. Q. Do I have to have a mentor before applying for my Practical Assessment?**

A. No.

It is not mandatory to be mentored before applying for a Practical Assessment. However, it will be of benefit to work with a mentor (ideally one who is a C Award Assessor or who knows the C award assessment criteria), who can help you to progress to the appropriate standard.

Please contact your County Officiating Lead for details of mentors in your area.

**9. Q. Where can I download the C Award Practical Application Form**

A. An Application Form can be found on individual County websites. Specific information for each County will be on this form, so it is important that this version is used. Please do not use the application form on the EN website, which is a generic form.

**10. Q. Do I need to take a C Award Pre-assessment?**

A. No.

Europe Netball has removed the pre-assessment step from its officiating awards, so Learners can apply for their Practical Assessment after passing the Written Assessment and completing their Log Book. However, to support the Learners and the teams that are used for assessments, it is important that Learner Umpires are appropriately prepared for their Practical Assessments. Therefore, all Application Forms for a Practical Assessment should be endorsed by the Learner's County Officiating Lead or other County recognised person (which can include the Learner's mentor).

**11. 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 four 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, they maintain their fitness and quality of umpiring.

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

A. Yes, but this will only occur in very exceptional circumstances.

The County Officiating Lead will endeavour to allocate two independent assessors. However, if there are no other assessors available for the assessment and to wait for two independent assessors would cause unnecessary and extensive delay in the scheduling of the assessment, the Learner Umpire's mentor may be appointed as an assessor. England Netball and Europe Netball have stated that where a mentor is required to assess their own Learner Umpire, they must not be appointed as the Lead Assessor.

**13. Q. Is the Learner Umpire paid by the team for umpiring when being assessed?**

A. No.

Counties will make this clear to the teams involved in the assessment.

**14. Q. What should I do if I am injured or 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 request another assessment date, when you expect to be fully fit and can perform to your best.

**15. 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. Three months is the recommended period before a Learner Umpire who has not passed the C Award practical assessment may reapply. The lead assessor will advise the Learner Umpire of the required timescale before they can re-apply.

The Learner Umpire is required to list at least four matches of the approved standard in the Log Book and their application would require to be re-endorsed by their County Officiating Lead or other County recognised person (which can include the Learner's mentor).

The Learner Umpire does not have to attend another course unless the period of two years has elapsed since the Written Pass date. If this happens, the Learner Umpire must attend another course and retake the Written Assessment.

**16. Q. How do I evidence that that I hold the C Award?**

A. Your account in ENgage will be updated to show that you hold the C Award. In addition, your County Officiating Lead will send you a C pass card and a C award badge.

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