



England Netball
London & South East Regional Unit

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, unless you had already attended a C Award course before 16 March 2020.

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.englishnetball.co.uk

Drop down buttons – Get Involved – Officiating Courses - C Award Umpire Course

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. I attended a C Award course before the March 2020 lockdown-do I still have to apply for the Written Assessment within 2 years of the date of the course?

A. No – For C award courses between 16th March 2018 and 15th March 2020, Europe Netball have confirmed that the 2 year period will be extended by 22 months from the expiry date of the original 2 year period.

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

A. No.

6.Q. How do I apply for my Written Assessment?

The 'C' award written assessment is now completed on-line. Learners who had attended a C Award course before 16 March 2020 but had not passed their C Award Written Assessment will need to apply directly to Europe Netball, by completing the Europe Netball C Award Written Application Form, which is available on Europe Netball's website. The Application Form will also be available on your County's website.

For Learners who are attending an online C award course, the course fee also includes the written assessment fee. England Netball will schedule the online written assessment to be taken 6 months after your virtual course. However, Learners are able to request to take the written assessment earlier or defer to a later date, providing it is within 2 years of completing the on-line course.

7.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.

8. 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 Umpiring Personnel).

9. 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.

10. 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. Do not use the application form on the EN website which will be a generic form.

11. 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).

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 four months of the receipt of the Application (unless there are extenuating circumstances). This period has been extended to six months from 1 September 2021, in respect of applications which had already been submitted in early 2020. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

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. 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 (extended by 22 months where the original expiry date was

on or after 16 March 2020 or the pass date was between 16 March 2020 and 1 September 2021). If this happens, the Learner Umpire must attend another course and retake the Written Assessment.

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