

# SNOWSPORT ENGLAND COACHING SCHEME (ALPINE)



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AN INSTRUCTOR?”**



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Snowsport England awards two levels of ski instructor qualification for people wishing to instruct on artificial slopes:

- Level 1 Instructor (L1)
  - L1's can instruct beginners, up to basic swing turn standard
- Level 2 Instructor (L2)
  - L2's can instruct up to parallel turn standard and above

Note:

Beyond Level 2 there are various levels of Coach. These are discussed in a separate document.

## How do I become a Level 1 Instructor?

First you need to be a basic parallel skier (Snowlife Bronze Award – Level 7) with experience of skiing on snow (at least 2 one-week visits to ski resorts) and be at least 16 years old. (Candidates can attend a Level 1 Instructor Training Course before their 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday and register but cannot carry on with any further training until they reach the age of 16). Registration must take place within 3 months of the Training Course date.

- Register with Snowsport England as a Level 1 Trainee Instructor. (This must be done before ANY further training takes place).
- Go on a 2-day L1 Instructor Training Course. (if not already done so)
- If possible, enlist with a Snowsport England Coach at your local ski slope, who will mentor and continuously assess you through the process.  
Obtain a First Aid qualification First Aid Certificate.
- Qualifications for instructing and/or coaching in closed environments (ie artificial “dry and /or indoor slopes) require a first aid certificate gained from an HSE (authorise/recognised) course lasting at least 3 hours.
- Qualifications for coaching in open environments (ie mountain snow resorts) require a First Aid Certificate gained from an HSE (authorised/recognised) course lasting at least 12 hours. On line applications will not be accepted you must ATTEND a course.
- Obtain a Safeguarding and Protecting Children Certificate – phone head office for details of where to attend.
- Do at least 20 hours of teaching beginners, under supervision by a qualified instructor - this is intended as a form of workplace training to build on the content of the L1 Training Course and to inform you on how your slope expects you to operate.
- Have a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check done. (A form will be sent and handed out to you on the Level 1 Training Course weekend)
- Undergo a Level 1 Assessment (1 day).
- OR
- Alternatively, if you have a Coach they can propose you for the Level 1 Award. In this case you do not need to go on an Assessment Course. (Your Coach must be a fully paid up member of Snowsport England)
- Once either your Coach or the Assessment Course Tutor are satisfied with your standard of skiing and instruction, and this has been endorsed by your ski club or the ski slope where you will instruct, you can apply for the Level 1 Instructor qualification. You will only be able to hold your licence once your CRB has reached head office.
- It is recommended that Level 1 Trainees who have not completed Level 1 after 3 years should re-train again and attend a further Level 1 Training Course.

## **How do I become Level 2 Instructor?**

There are various routes to Level 2. For all of them you need to be a good parallel skier (Snowlife Silver Award – Level 8) with experience of skiing on snow (at least 2 visits to ski resorts) and be at least 18 years old. You will also need a First Aid qualification (6 hours or over, see above for CI). (Candidates can take all of Level 2 up to and including the Assessment 5 months before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday but cannot hold the ASSI licence until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday).

### Route 1: From Level 1 (current system)

If you are already a Level 1 Instructor you can progress on to Level 2.

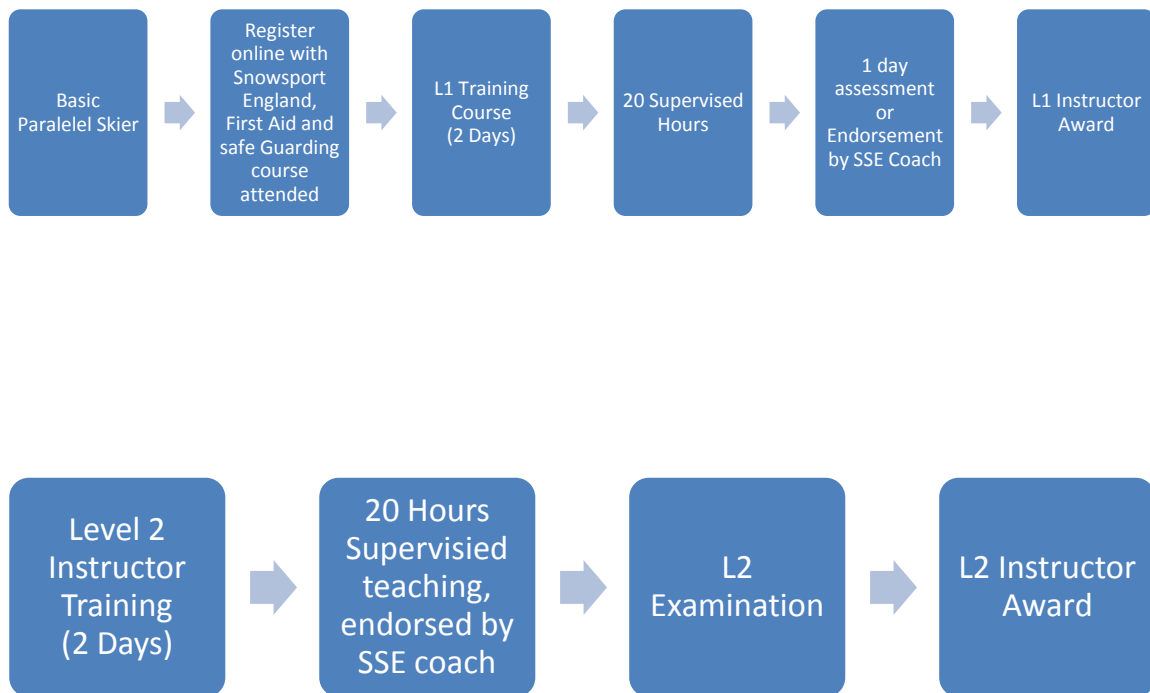
- Go on Level 2 Instructor Training Course (2 days).
- Undertake 20 hours of teaching beginners and intermediates, under supervision by a qualified instructor. Some of the teaching must be by supervised and endorsed by a Snowsport England Coach or Level 3 Coach.
- Undergo a Level 2 Examination (1 day). If you pass you will be awarded the Level 2 Instructor qualification.

### Route 2: From BASI Level 2

If you already hold a BASI Level 2 qualification (or equivalent foreign award) you do not need to go on a Level 2 Instructor Training Course.

- Register with Snowsport England as Candidate Level 2 Instructor.
- Complete and send in the External Qualification form with correct paperwork and fee.
- Go on a Level 2 Examination. If you pass you will be awarded the L2 instructor qualification.

## Routes to Level 1 and level 2 Instructor



### Note

Before obtaining an Award candidates must demonstrate that they

- are at least 16 years old for Level 1 and 18 for Level 2
- have a First Aid qualification
- be CRB checked
- have made at least two one-week visits to snow resorts

## How do I register with Snowsport England?

To register with Snowsport England in the Coaching Awards division of the National Coaching Scheme you can either register online at <http://membership.snowsportengland.org.uk/memberlogin.asp>

or contact the office if you don't have access to the internet

Snowsport England  
SportPark  
3 Oakwood Drive  
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Leicestershire  
LE11 3QF

Tel: 01509 232323

Email: [info@snowsportengland.org.uk](mailto:info@snowsportengland.org.uk)

The required forms can be found on the [UKsnowsports.co.uk](http://UKsnowsports.co.uk)

Then:

- Register online.
- Upload a photo online
- Complete payment online  
(Note: the registration year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October in each year. Candidates registering after 1<sup>st</sup> August only pay 50% of the annual fee.)
- Print off the Child Protection Form and send into the office
- Complete a CRB Disclosure Form and return (not to SSE)
- Send safe guarding and first aid certificate to the Snowsport England office

### **Receive licence from Snowsport England**