

Role of the Assessor

1. Why do I need an assessor?

You need a different assessor for each section of your DofE Award. DofE is a highly regarded award and having an assessor means someone can prove how you have improved and developed in your activity. It also avoids anyone saying they have completed something they haven't.

2. Who can (or should) the assessor be?

Your assessor should be someone who knows something about your activity. They should be able to see when you have improved, and they might be the person helping you improve along the way. They cannot be a close member of your immediate family (sibling, parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle). They will probably be a coach, teacher, club leader (hold a position) but could be any adult with a good knowledge of your activity (e.g. a family friend who is also a keen fisherman, if you chose fishing).

3. What do they need to do at the end of my activity?

At the end of your section you don't have to stop! – you are free to carry on. However, to complete the section on eDofE, you need a short report from your assessor about how you have improved. There is no right or wrong way to write this but read this one to see what makes it a good example:

Your name, dates and activity

Vernon has attended football training every Tuesday and played in the U16 team from 3/3/14 to 3/9/14. Vernon took part in training sessions, working on skills, teamwork and physical fitness. He has also played 8 matches for the U16 team.

Brief description of what was involved

During this time, Vernon has improved his control and co-ordination of the ball, with strengths in dribbling and long shots. He has improved communication with his team and greater speed that led to him selected as centre forward in three recent matches. He was named man of the match in one. Vernon has been a great asset to the club and I hope he continues to be such a star player and wish him good luck in the future.

Any other positive achievements or comments

Explained how you have improved/developed skills

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Their name, position and contact details

4. How can they submit their report?

<p>1. Online (preferred) www.dofe.org/assessor They will need your eDofE number. This is on your Welcome Pack and on your user info on eDofE.</p>	<p>2. (If necessary) They can write it on paper using the assessor report in your welcome pack. They should sign it and give it to you. You take a photo and upload to eDofE and mark as 'Assessor's Report'. You must ask for permission before using this option.</p>
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Remember:

- Don't forget to thank them!
- We need to see original evidence loaded on DofE along with the assessor report. This could be your log sheet, or weekly notes.