



Updates on Sectional Training Scheme

To ensure that the Scout Movement in Hong Kong keeps pace with the times and meets the developmental needs of members across different age groups, the Scout Association of Hong Kong established the “Section Review Working Group” in 2024. The group conducted a comprehensive review of the age distribution, development directions, and training frameworks of all sections, and carried out systematic research and planning for the revision of the sectional training schemes.

The Working Group comprises leaders with extensive frontline and strategic planning experience. It has completed recommendations on the age ranges and developmental characteristics for each section. Furthermore, it has mapped out the training contents, transition arrangements, and articulation mechanisms to ensure continuity and progression across the entire youth training system. Scout districts, regions, and the Youth Affairs Advisory Council have also provided valuable input to ensure that the revisions better align with youth development needs.

Following the consolidation of feedback from various stakeholders, the revision of the training framework, and the completion the consultation process, the revised Guide to Grasshopper Scout Activities and the newly revised Training Schemes for all sections have been finalized.

1. Clearer Section Focus

To strengthen the developmental focus and educational characteristics of each section, the Association has established the following core themes:

- Grasshopper Scouts: Self-Discovery and Happy Companionship
- Cub Scouts: Diverse Activities and Explore and Learn
- Scouts: Embracing Challenges and Building Teamwork
- Venture Scouts: Self-Governing, Self-Programming and Tomorrow’s Leaders
- Rover Scouts: Service-Mindedness and Global Vision

These themes will be embedded across training content, activity design, and the badge system of each section.

2. Publication

The finalized revised Guide to Grasshopper Scout Activities and Sectional Training Schemes have been uploaded to the respective section webpages on the Association’s website for parents, leaders, and members to access and download. Leaders are advised to pay attention to the latest announcements on the relevant section webpages.

3. Effective Date

The newly revised Guide to Grasshopper Scout Activities and Sectional Training Schemes will officially take effect on **15 August 2026**.

4. Transitional Arrangements

To facilitate a smooth transition between the old and new systems, the Programme Branch has formulated relevant transitional arrangements. Please refer to **Appendix 1** for details.

The Programme Branch expresses its sincere gratitude to all Commissioners, leaders, regional representatives, and members of the Youth Affairs Advisory Council at all levels for their valuable insights and support throughout the review and revision process. It is hoped that the newly revised training contents will further enhance the educational quality of the Scout Movement in Hong Kong, guiding young people to develop proper values, a sense of responsibility, and a spirit of service at different stages of growth, and equipping them to become responsible and capable citizens.

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Transitional Arrangements for the Updated Sectional Training Schemes

To ensure the smooth implementation of the newly revised sectional training schemes, and to allow existing members and leaders sufficient time to adapt to the new system, the Programme Branch has formulated the following transitional arrangements. These arrangements seek to balance the transition between the existing and new training systems, ensure that members' learning progress will not be affected, and maintain the progressive and fair nature of Scout training. All units shall properly plan their training and award assessment arrangements in accordance with the transitional arrangements set out in this Annex.

Grasshopper Scout Section

The newly revised Guide To Grasshopper Scout Activities will be officially implemented on 15 August 2026. The implementation details and transitional arrangements are set out as below:

1. Download

The new Guide To Grasshopper Scout Activities has been uploaded to the Grasshopper Scout Section webpage for download.

2. New Grasshopper Scout Record Book

The new Grasshopper Scout Record Book is expected to be available for sale at the Hong Kong Scout Shop in August 2026.

3. Grasshopper Scouts who are invested on or after 15 August 2026

Grasshopper Scouts who are invested on or after 15 August 2026 must undertake the experience activities for the respective levels of awards of the Grasshopper Scout Section in accordance with the new training scheme.

4. Grasshopper Scouts who were invested before 15 August 2026 (two-year transitional period)

Such Grasshopper Scouts may choose to:

- (A) Undertake training in accordance with the new Guide To Grasshopper Scout Activities; or
- (B) Continue to follow the former Guide To Grasshopper Scout Activities, provided that the training must be completed within the two-year transitional period.

Transitional period: 15 August 2026 to 14 August 2028

Cub Scout Section

The newly revised Cub Scout Training Scheme will be officially implemented on 15 August 2026. The implementation details and transitional arrangements are set out as below:

1. Download

The new Cub Scout Training Scheme has been uploaded to the Cub Scout Section webpage for download.

2. New record books, badges and certificates

The new Cub Scout Record Book, badges and certificates are expected to be available for sale at the Hong Kong Scout Shop in August 2026.

3. Cub Scouts who are invested on or after 15 August 2026

Cub Scouts who are invested on or after 15 August 2026 must undertake the assessment for the respective levels of awards of the Cub Scout Section in accordance with the new training scheme.

4. Cub Scouts who were invested before 15 August 2026 (two-year transitional period)

Current stage	Transitional arrangement
A. A member who has reached the age of 7½ before 15 August 2026 and has completed the Membership Badge.	Deemed to have completed the <u>new Cub Scout Experience Badge</u> and may proceed to the <u>new Cub Scout Adventure Award</u> .
B. A member who has completed, or is expected to complete on or before 31 August 2027, the <u>current Cub Scout Award</u> .	Deemed to have completed the <u>new Cub Scout Experience Badge</u> and may proceed to the <u>new Cub Scout Adventure Award</u> .
C. A member who has not reached the age of 9½ before 15 August 2026 but has completed the <u>current Cub Scout Adventure Award</u> .	Deemed to have completed the <u>new Cub Scout Adventure Award</u> and may proceed to the specified content of the Core Areas under the <u>new Cub Scout Adventure Crest Award</u> . Upon completion, the member may proceed to the <u>new Golden Bauhinia Award</u> .
D. A member who is expected to complete the current Cub Scout Adventure Award on or before 31 August 2027.	
E. A member who has reached the age of 9½ before 15 August 2026, has completed the <u>current Cub Scout Adventure Award</u> , and has commenced the <u>current Cub Scout Adventure Crest Award</u> and <u>current Golden Bauhinia Award</u> .	The member may continue to follow the current training scheme for the Cub Scout Adventure Crest Award and Golden Bauhinia Award, provided that the assessment must be completed before the member's 12th birthday or no later than 31 August 2028, whichever is earlier*, and the Golden Bauhinia Award and Certificate Application Form (PT/68), together with other relevant supporting documents, must be submitted to the relevant Scout District. *When the member completes the Golden Bauhinia Award assessment, the member must either be under the age of 12 or still studying in primary school, namely during the school year in which the member will graduate from primary school on or before 31 August.

5. Extension arrangement for the new Golden Bauhinia Award assessment

Under the new system, a member who has reached the age of 12 but is still studying in primary school may continue his or her Cub Scout membership to participate in activities relating to the Golden Bauhinia Award training scheme until the day before the commencement of the new school year, subject to the following conditions:

- (A) The member must have obtained the new Cub Scout Adventure Crest Award, or must have reached the age of 10, obtained the Membership Badge, and completed the specified content of the Core Areas under the Cub Scout Experience Badge, the new Cub Scout Adventure Award and the new Cub Scout Adventure Crest Award, before commencing the new Golden Bauhinia Award;
- (B) When the Cub Scout member completes the Golden Bauhinia Award assessment, the member must still be studying in primary school, namely not yet graduated from primary school.

Members who follow the current training scheme for the Golden Bauhinia Award assessment shall be assessed in accordance with Programme Branch Circular No. 101/2025 issued by the Programme Branch on 1 August 2025.

6. Prescribed forms must be used

Whether the new or former system is adopted, applications for the respective levels of awards of the Cub Scout Section must be made using the prescribed forms.

7. Arrangement for new activity badges

New activity badges and existing activity badges already obtained may be worn on the uniform at the same time.

Scout Section

The newly revised Scout Training Scheme will be officially implemented on 15 August 2026. The implementation details and transitional arrangements are set out as below:

1. Download

The new Scout Training Scheme has been uploaded to the Scout Section webpage for download.

2. New record books, badges and certificates

The new Scout Record Book, activity badges and certificates are expected to be available for sale at the Hong Kong Scout Shop in August 2026.

3. Scouts who are invested on or after 15 August 2026

Scouts who are invested on or after 15 August 2026 must undertake the assessment for the respective levels of awards of the Scout Section in accordance with the new training scheme.

4. Scouts who were invested before 15 August 2026 (two-year transitional period)

Such Scouts may choose to:

- (A) Undertake assessment in accordance with the new training scheme; or
- (B) Continue to undertake assessment in accordance with the former training scheme, provided that the assessment must be completed within the two-year transitional period. If the member is unable to complete all award assessments under the former system within the transitional period, the outstanding parts must be assessed in accordance with the new training scheme.

Transitional period: 15 August 2026 to 14 August 2028

5. Prescribed forms must be used

Whether the new or former system is adopted, applications for the respective levels of awards of the Scout Section must be made using the prescribed forms.

Venture Scout Section

The newly revised Venture Scout Training Scheme will be officially implemented on 15 August 2026, with relevant measures coming into effect progressively. The implementation details and transitional arrangements are set out as below:

1. Download

The new Venture Scout Training Scheme has been uploaded to the Venture Scout Section webpage for download.

2. New record books, badges and certificates

The new Venture Scout Record Book, badges and certificates are expected to be available for sale at the Hong Kong Scout Shop in August 2026.

3. Venture Scouts who are invested on or after 15 August 2026

Venture Scouts who are invested on or after 15 August 2026 must undertake the assessment for the respective levels of awards, achievement badges and bars of the Venture Scout Section in accordance with the newly revised Venture Scout Training Scheme.

4. Venture Scouts who were invested before 15 August 2026 (three-year transitional period)

Such Venture Scouts may choose to:

- (A) Undertake the sectional award assessment in accordance with the new training scheme; or
- (B) Continue to undertake the sectional award assessment in accordance with the former training scheme, provided that it must be completed within the three-year transitional period, namely on or before 14 August 2029. If a Venture Scout is unable to complete the assessment within the transitional period, the awards or items not yet obtained must be assessed in accordance with the new training scheme. The implementation details are as follows:

For Venture Scouts who were invested before 15 August 2026 and decide to undertake sectional award assessment in accordance with the new training scheme, completed items under the former training scheme may be transferred to items under the new training scheme in accordance with the table below. All notes applicable to items in the new training scheme shall also apply.

Venture Scout Training Scheme, 10th Edition	Venture Scout Training Scheme, 11th Edition
Venture Scout Epaulettes	Corresponding parts of the Venture Scout Epaulettes
Self-Reliance Achievement Badge	Project Badge
Self-Reliance Bar	Project Bar
Responsibility Achievement Badge	Service Badge
Responsibility Bar	Service Bar
Activity Achievement Badge and Bar: Scout Skills, A-101 Backwoods Knowledge; A-102 Pioneering (Knowledge and Skills); A-103 Camping Skills and Campcraft; and A-104 Pioneering (Practice)	Activity Badge and Bar, Area 1: Scout Skills
Activity Achievement Badge and Bar: Physical Skills, A-301 to A-312	Activity Badge and Bar, Area 2: Recreation and Sports
Activity Achievement Badge and Bar: Personal Interest, A-203 to A-240 and A-999	Activity Badge and Bar, Area 3: New Experience, with two different types required
Adventure Achievement Badge compulsory item: E-A001 Map Reading Training	Venture Scout Map Reading Training Course / Assessment
Exploration Achievement Badge compulsory item: E-A002 Hiking Training	Venture Scout Hiking Training Course
Exploration Achievement Badge: E-A003 to E-A009	Exploration Badge

Exploration Bar: E-B001 to E-B007	Exploration Bar. If a Venture Scout completed the Exploration Badge by means of an overseas self-drive journey or an overseas journey using motorised transport, that item cannot be used to obtain the Exploration Bar. If a Venture Scout needs to complete the optional Sea Adventure Journey, the member must first complete sea journey training.
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5. Wearing arrangement during the transitional period

During the transitional period:

- (A) If a member is still undertaking assessment under the former training scheme, the member may wear the achievement badge or bar of the former system on the uniform;
- (B) If a member begins to use, or transfers to, the newly revised training scheme for assessment, the member should wear the new badge or bar of the new system.

The Hong Kong Scout Shop will cease selling achievement badges and bars under the current system from 14 August 2029. Members may purchase the relevant achievement badges or bars from the Hong Kong Scout Shop upon production of a valid Venture Scout achievement badge or bar certificate, provided that the certificate must have been issued on or before 14 August 2029.

6. Use of prescribed forms

Whether the new or former training system is adopted, the Assessment Plan Application Form (PT65) must be completed before assessment. Applications for the respective levels of awards, badges and bars of the Venture Scout Section must be made using the prescribed forms (PT19 and PT20).

Rover Scout Section

The newly revised Rover Scout Training Scheme will be officially implemented on 15 August 2026. The implementation details and transitional arrangements are set out as below:

1. Download

The new Rover Scout Training Scheme has been uploaded to the Rover Scout Information Network for download.

2. New record books, badges and certificates

The new Rover Scout Record Book, badges and certificates are expected to be available for sale at the Hong Kong Scout Shop in August 2026.

3. Rover Scouts who are invested on or after 15 August 2026

Rover Scouts who are invested on or after 15 August 2026 shall undertake the sectional award assessment in accordance with the new training scheme.

4. Rover Scouts who were invested before 15 August 2026 (three-year transitional period)

Such Rover Scouts may choose to:

- (A) Undertake the sectional award assessment in accordance with the new training scheme; or
- (B) Continue to undertake the sectional award assessment in accordance with the former training scheme, provided that it must be completed within the three-year transitional period, namely on or before 14 August 2029. If a Rover Scout is unable to complete the assessment within the transitional period, the awards or items not yet obtained must be assessed in accordance with the new training scheme. The implementation details are as follows:

For Rover Scouts who were invested before 15 August 2026 and decide to undertake sectional award assessment in accordance with the new training scheme, completed items under the former training scheme may be transferred to items under the new training scheme in accordance with the table below.

Rover Scout Training Scheme, 4th Edition	Rover Scout Training Scheme, 5th Edition
Rover Scout Epaulettes	Corresponding parts of the Rover Scout Epaulettes
Scouting Knowledge	
Scoutcraft (I), Part B, excluding Seamanship	Scoutcraft (1)
Scoutcraft (I), Part C	Scoutcraft (2)
Scoutcraft (I), Part A	Volunteerism (1)
Community Service (II)	Volunteerism (2) and (3)
Personal Pursuits	Tenacity or Mental and Physical Wellness, depending on the nature of the Personal Interest
Horizons Broadening	Global Vision
Challenge	Intrepidity

In addition to the above table, all notes in the new training scheme shall also apply to Rover Scouts who were invested before 15 August 2026 and decide to undertake sectional award assessment in accordance with the new training scheme. For example, if a Rover Scout has completed Stages 1 and 2 of the Wood Badge Training System before the implementation of the new training scheme, the member may be regarded as having completed the “Preliminary Leader Training” item under the new training scheme and may wear the Gilwell Woggle.

5. Prescribed forms must be used

Whether the new or former assessment system is adopted, applications for the progressive awards of the Rover Scout Section must be made using the prescribed forms.