



# Mountain Training Scotland

## Mountain Training Climbing Awards Review: Outcomes



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# The Mountain Training Network



- a concept and our qualification and skills training brand name

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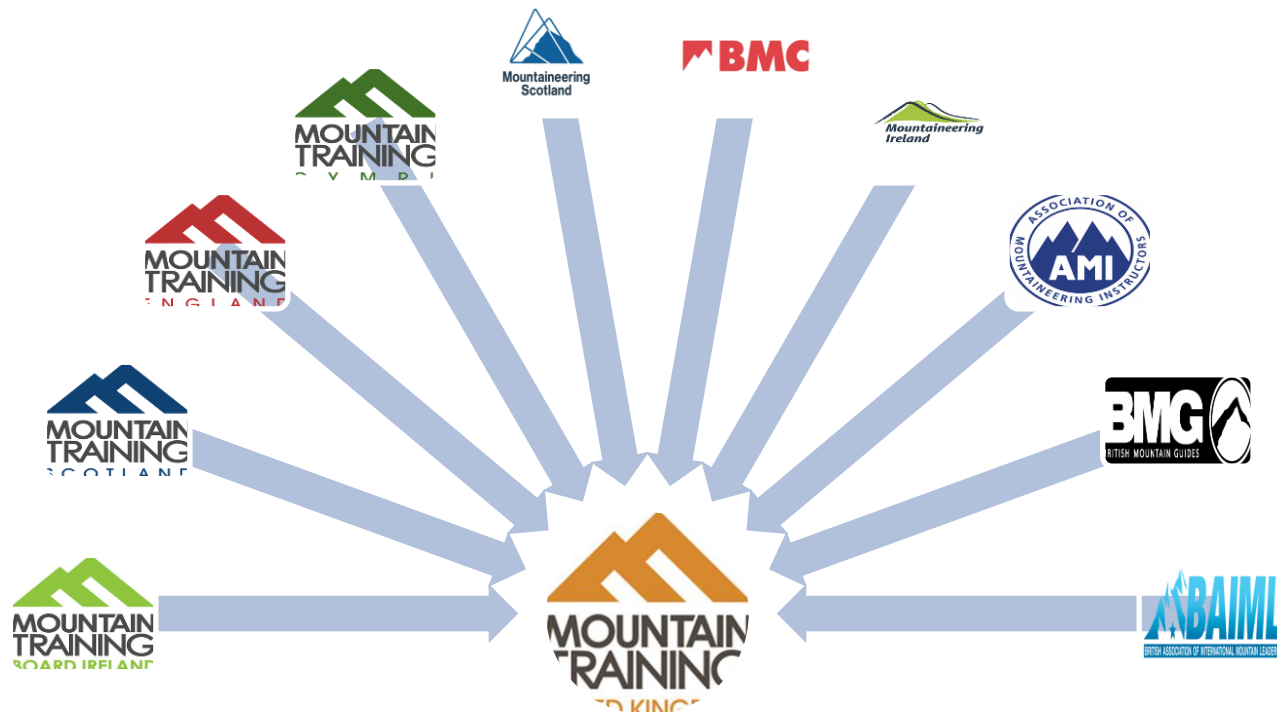
- MTUK's voluntary membership association provides continued support and development opportunities for candidates of Mountain Training who have **registered** for a qualification scheme.

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# National Mountain Training Boards



- co-ordinates the development and management of the Mountain Training qualification and personal skills training schemes
- ensures parity in the Mountain Training qualifications syllabi by agreeing a range of nationally-recognised hill, mountain and climbing leadership, instruction and coaching awards.
- co-ordinates activity on joint initiatives (known as global projects) to support and further develop the Mountain Training qualification schemes.
- Responsible for the provision and management of the Coaching Schemes; the Mountaineering Instructor Schemes; International Mountain Leader scheme.

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# National Mountain Training Boards



The four National Mountain Training Boards are responsible for the management and provision of the Mountain Training qualification and personal skills training schemes in their home country.

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# Mountain Training Scotland



- Manages and oversees the provision of the Mountain Training qualification and personal skills training schemes in Scotland
- Currently managed by an Executive Board of five volunteer Directors
- full-time paid Executive Officer; part time Admin Assistant and Technical Officer
- The Executive Board reports to the Council of Members of Mountain Training Scotland, who are nominated representatives of Scottish-based organisations with a strategic interest in and commitment to the Mountain Training qualification schemes.

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# Mountain Training Scotland

## Purpose

“Mountain Training Scotland’s purpose is the advancement, for **public benefit**, of **education and training** (in conjunction where appropriate with other bodies or persons) in the **skills** required for the **leadership and instruction** of safe hill, mountain and moorland walking, mountaineering, rock and ice climbing and other associated activities practised in cliff and mountain environments, and to **offer advice on matters of training and safety.**” *Excerpt from Mountain Training Scotland’s Articles of Constitution and our charitable aims.*

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# Mountain Training Scotland

## Vision

a community of world-class outdoor leaders, instructors and coaches, representative of a diverse, fit and active society, supported by innovative and sustainable mountain-related training qualification schemes.



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# Mountain Training Scotland

## Mission

Mountain Training Scotland provides innovative leadership and ensures consistent quality in mountain-related skills training and coaching in Scotland.



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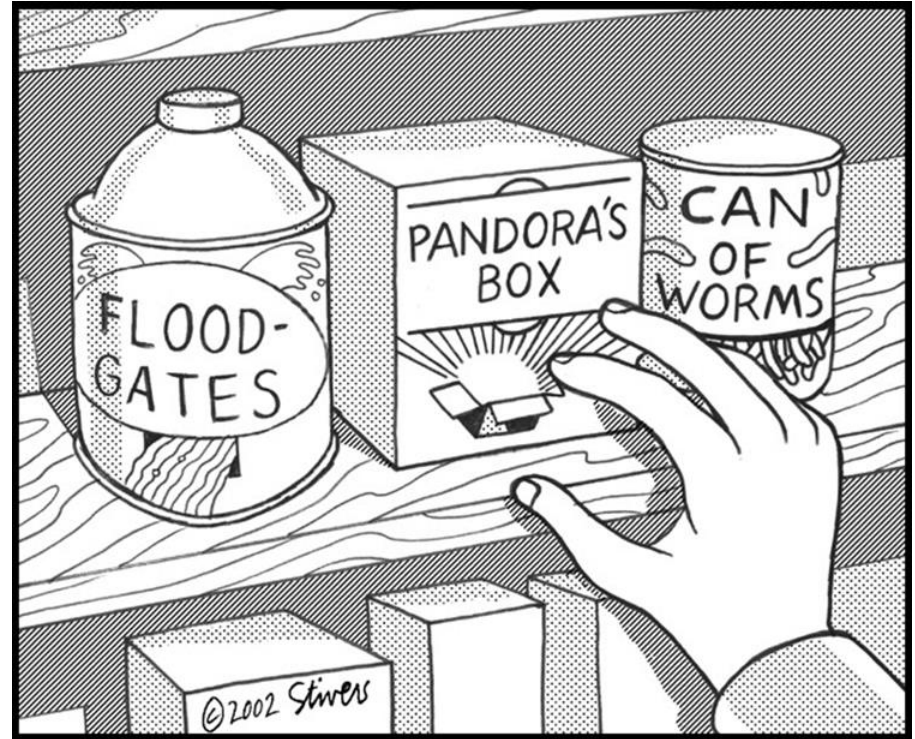
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# Climbing Awards Review (CAR)

**The aim of the Climbing Awards Review was to identify and make recommendations regarding:**

- Improvements to any of the eight individual awards;
- Improvements to the pathways between the eight awards;
- Any gaps in the Mountain Training provision of qualification and personal skills training schemes.



# Climbing Awards Review (CAR)



# CAR Outcomes and Implementation

## 2.5 year review – two consultation phases with the following outcomes:

- **Rock Skills scheme** - 3 stages Intro; Intermediate; learn to lead (NEW)
- **Indoor Climbing Assistant (NEW)**
- Climbing Wall Instructor – Formerly the Climbing Wall Award
- Climbing Wall Development Instructor – Formerly the Climbing Wall Leading Award
- Rock Climbing Instructor – Formerly the Single Pitch Award
- **Rock Climbing Development Instructor (NEW)**
- **Will Hardy/UCLAN PHd research into pathways and completion on ML scheme**

## Implemented according to the following timetable:

- **Phase one** - on 2nd April 2018, the existing qualifications were relaunched.
- **Phase two:** January 2019. The three levels of Rock Skills and the Indoor Climbing Assistant will be launched.
- **Phase three:** At the start of the spring 2019, the new qualification for teaching leading on single pitch crags will be launched.

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## MTS Strategic Key Aim 2

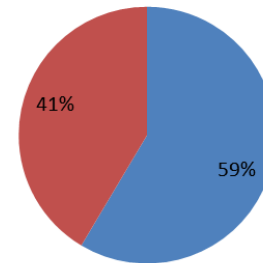
**Ensure continued, equitable and inclusive access to Mountain Training qualification schemes in Scotland**

Profile of MTS candidates registering on Mountain Training schemes

- in 2016 32% of all MTS candidates who registered on our schemes were female, in 2017 this has now risen to 41%. Indoor climbing has most positive gender split of all the schemes.

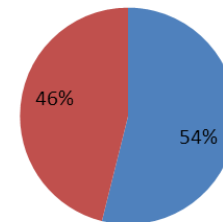
**MTS Registrations 2017**

■ Male ■ Female



**MTS Climbing Wall Award registrations 2017**

■ Male ■ Female





# Revised Existing schemes

## **Climbing Wall Instructor** – formerly Climbing Wall Award

- No change in scope and the only changes are in acknowledging the role of an assistant and clarifying the level of teaching ability required by the candidate (how to teach). No changes to the pathways.

## **Climbing Wall Instructor Abseil Module** – formerly Climbing Wall Award Abseil Module;

- As above.





# Revised Existing schemes

## Climbing Wall Development

**Instructor** – formerly Climbing Wall Leading Award

- No change in scope and the only changes are in clarifying the level of teaching ability required by the candidate (how to teach), building on the levels defined by the Climbing Wall Instructor and Rock Climbing Instructor.



# Revised Existing schemes

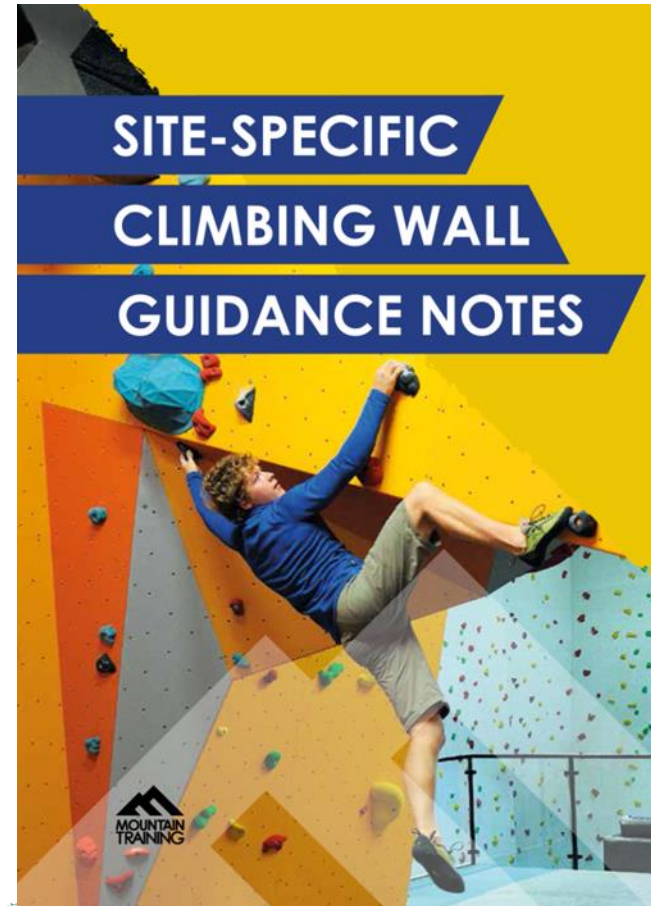
## **Rock Climbing Instructor** – formerly Single Pitch Award

- No change in scope.
- Some general revisions e.g. requirement to have experience of sport climbing, and only significant changes are in acknowledging the role of an assistant and clarifying the level of teaching ability required by the candidate (how to teach).
- The training course duration expanded to a min. contact time of 24 hours over a minimum of three days of which 8hrs dedicated to working/teaching in/on climbing walls;
- assessment course duration reduced to a min. 16 hours.



# Bouldering coaches and supervisors

- Guidance on supervising bouldering is being written with the ABC and ABC Training Trust.
- Guidance on running site specific bouldering supervisor schemes to add to existing climbing wall guidance notes.
- TA for bouldering:  
Climbing Wall Development Instructor (+ Development Coach)





# Changes to the Coaching Scheme

- Applicable to an outdoor setting on rock
- Bouldering pathway: Foundation Coach and Development Coach can be accessed with a site specific bouldering instructor award.
- Min age reduced to 16



# Indoor Climbing Assistant

- Aimed at volunteers, junior coaches, parents, climbers with disabilities, teachers etc.
- Supports a qualified instructor. ***Not independent.***
- Minimum age 16



# Indoor Climbing Assistant

A nationally accredited scheme which will:

- promote good practice;
- standardise the training and assessment of these assistants;
- provide development opportunities for the assistants as part of a wider, experienced community.



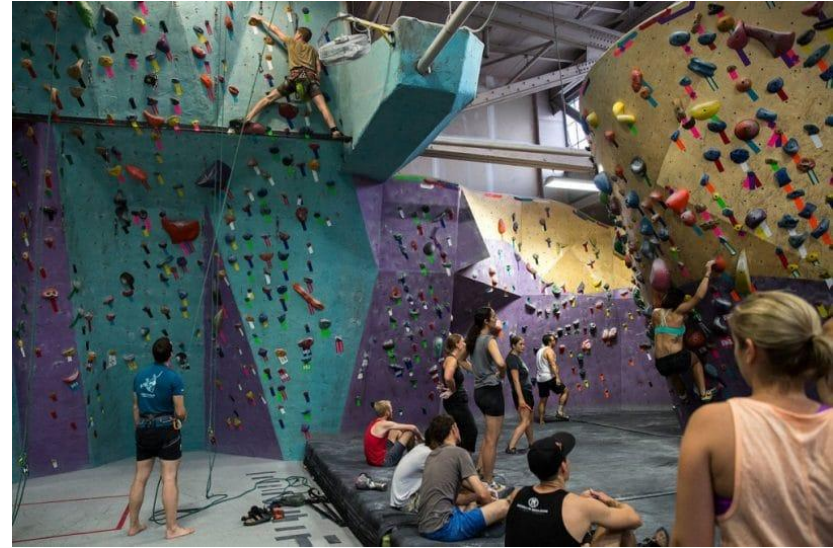


# Indoor Climbing Assistant

## What can they do?

under the direct supervision of a qualified instructor:

- Assist with the fitting of basic equipment.
- Assist a qualified instructor with the supervision of core climbing techniques.
- An Indoor Climbing assistant can assist a qualified instructor on:  
Indoor and outdoor artificial bouldering venues;  
Indoor and outdoor climbing walls.



# Indoor Climbing Assistant

## Course structure?

- minimum of 6 hours contact time in a 'climbing wall'
- continuous assessment of the knowledge and skills as detailed in the syllabus



# Rock Climbing Development Instructor

## Who is it for?

- For experienced instructors wishing to develop a participant's rock climbing proficiency. This development may extend to lead climbing.

## What can they do?

- can develop individuals to lead rock climbs in a single pitch environment using leader placed (traditional climbing) and equipped (sport climbing) protection.

## Where can they do it?

- Same terrain definitions as RCI.



# Rock Climbing Development Instructor

- Prior to review only two qualifications for instructing rock climbing - Single Pitch Award (created 25 years ago) and the Mountaineering Instructor Award
- Significant gap between technical competence and experience as well as the scope of each qualification.
- New qualification will enable experienced climbers who may not yet be committed mountaineers to be involved in the development of other climbers.





# Go on, ask me two questions?



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