

NEW ROUTE SETTING DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PATHWAYS - FAQs

What do I need to do before Jan 2025?

Attend either RSD roped training and/or assessment or RSD boulder training and assessment if you need/want to be trained or qualified before Jan 2025.

Will all new courses on the pathway be available from Jan 2025?

No, the new bouldering pathway and roped pathway will become available Jan 2025, however the revalidation assessments and industry updates modules are still under development.

What if I need to revalidate and the revalidation assessment and industry updates modules aren't yet available?

Currently in order to revalidate your qualification you need to resit the assessment of the highest qualification you hold. We are in the process of writing the new revalidation assessments and industry updates modules - please bear with us and we'll get them up and running as soon as possible!

Do I need to revalidate as soon as the new courses are up and running or can I still wait the 3 years from date of certification?

You don't need to revalidate until 3 years after your most recent certificate - i.e. if you passed your assessment July 2022 then you need to revalidate by July 2025 however if you pass your assessment Nov 2024 then you need to revalidate by Nov 2027.

How long can I take to build up my setting log before proceeding to commercial setter assessment?

If you haven't completed your assessment within the 3 years before revalidation then you will need to retake the training before moving on to the assessment unless you can provide a CV of regular setting work which uses the techniques taught during the training.

What defines a "quality" setting day?

A day in which you set, forerun and tweak a variety of problems, preferably with a team of setters to allow for feedback on your setting. Ideally you would set a variety of grades and styles of problems during the required CPD.

Is there an age requirement?

Route Setting Basics has a minimum age of 16 with parental permission. All other courses are 18+.

What happens if I don't pass an assessment stage?

You will be deferred and your assessor will let you know why and what you need to work on in order to resit the assessment - they might recommend that you set an additional number of routes or boulder setting days before resitting. You can request a certificate to prove training attendance if you wish.

How long do I have to revalidate? Is there a grace period after 3 years?

Ideally you will revalidate within the 3 year period, however if there are (for whatever reason) no available revalidation courses within that final year then as long as you are booked on to the next available revalidation course after your certificate is no longer valid then that is acceptable.

Do I need to revalidate Route Setting Basics or Setting in Practice if I complete commercial setter certification?

No, you only need to revalidate the most advanced of your qualification(s). However if your most advanced certification expires and is not updated, you will need to retake any prerequisite courses if these are no longer valid.



If I do my RSD Roped Setter training before Jan 2025 do I have to redo the training after Jan 2025 or can I continue to assessment?

If you have already done your RSD Roped Setter training you can continue with your assessment after Jan 2025 once you have completed the required CPD.