

Logo	What's it about?
	<p>The nationally recognised indicator of good quality educational provision</p> <p>The LOtC Quality Badge provides for the first time a national award combining the essential elements of provision - learning and safety - into ONE easily recognisable and trusted accreditation scheme for ALL types of learning outside the classroom provider throughout the UK. This includes museums, art galleries, adventure centres, nature reserves, science learning centres and farms among many other provider types. The scheme is managed and developed by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom.</p>
	<p>The Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA) came into existence in April 1996. It is currently sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions. The Health and Safety Executive is currently designated as the AALA.</p> <p>Adventure activities licensing ensures that activity providers follow good safety management practices. These should allow young people to experience exciting and stimulating activities outdoors without being exposed to avoidable risks of death or disabling injury.</p>
	<p>Adventuremark is a non-statutory safety scheme devised by the Adventure Activity Industry Advisory Committee (AAIAC) for providers of adventurous activities that are outside the scope of the Adventure Activity Licensing regulations.</p> <p>Adventuremark allows providers to demonstrate to their customers or users that the provider's arrangements for managing the potential risks of adventure activities have been inspected and found to meet the necessary standards of good practice in the adventure activity industry. Adventuremark applies to all adventure activities and to all age groups</p>
	<p>Gold Standard is AHOEC's quality scheme, developed to go beyond the standards set by the LOtC Quality Badge, AAIAC Adventuremark and AALA. Encompassing not just safety but also the best quality of provision, at any provider displaying the Gold Standard logo you can be assured of both safety and quality in their outdoor experience.</p>



The STF is much more than a simple membership organisation, all Assured Members of the STF are required to adhere to a rigorous Code of Practice and Safety Management Standards and be audited each year by Argent Health & Safety, the UK's leading Health and Safety Consultancy specialising in Travel, to ensure continuing compliance.



Association of British Travel Agents is the UK's largest travel association. Once you've planned your holiday you can relax knowing know that our [Code of Conduct](#) means that you can expect high standards from our Members. You'll also be reassured to know that all package and 'Flight-Plus' holidays that have been sold to you in the UK by ABTA Members are protected financially in the event of a company failure. This means that in the unlikely event your travel company goes out of business, we have a quick, clear and simple process for you to follow, so you'll be able to continue your holiday as planned or get your money back.



[ATOL - Protecting holidaymakers since 1973](#)

By law, every UK travel company which sells air holidays and flights is required to hold an ATOL, which stands for Air Travel Organiser's Licence.

If a travel company with an ATOL ceases trading, the ATOL scheme protects customers who had booked holidays with the firm. It ensures they do not get stranded abroad or lose money.

The scheme is designed to reassure consumers that their money is safe, and will provide assistance in the event of a travel company failure.



BAPA sets the standard for Quality, Safety and Value for private sector activity centres and residential and day camp providers.

The BAPA Quality Experience: Members and their customers can be re-assured that the BAPA scheme is backed by a detailed Code of Practice that provides excellent guidance and is reviewed annually. Besides agreeing to follow these standards, BAPA members are subject to frequent inspection to ensure that theory is borne out in practice.



The Outdoor Education Advisers' Panel exists to ensure the effective leadership and management of high quality outdoor education, offsite visits and adventurous activities, for the benefit of the children and young people of England and Wales.

Our members are professional and knowledgeable experts who promote best practice by providing guidance, support and training to schools and other establishments.

It has a vision that every school in England and Wales will have a comprehensive programme of high quality outdoor education, offsite visits and adventurous activities for all its young people.



The **Association for Physical Education (afPE)** is the only PE Subject Association in the UK.

We are committed to being the representative agency of choice for people and organisations delivering or supporting the delivery of physical education, physical activity and school sport in educational contexts and in the wider community.

Our purpose is to promote and maintain high standards and safe practice in all aspects and at all levels of physical education, school sport and physical activity, influencing developments at national and local levels that will impact on pupils' physical health and emotional well-being.



Health & Safety Executive helps workers understand how they can stay safe and well. HSE is an independent regulator with over forty years' experience helping Great Britain work well. Using world leading science we have helped protect millions of people from devastating injury and suffering.

HSE leads the way, but doesn't act alone. Everyone has a part to play - employers, unions, trade associations, professional bodies, academics and others.

We concentrate on the most serious risks. We target industries with the greatest hazards, and sectors with the worst risk management record.

We are firm and fair when using our legal powers.

Inspection helps us check that serious risks are managed sensibly. When things go wrong, investigation helps us get to the truth and learn lessons.

We hold employers to account for their failures and get answers for victims and make workplaces safer.

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Know your badges!

The following organisations and accreditations will help you with identifying safety and/or quality when choosing educational visit provision.

See how many you can identify from just their initials.

You may already be using them or have others to add to the list and share with colleagues

1. LoTC

2. AALA

3. AM

4. AHOEC

5. STF

6. ABTA

7. ATOL

8. BAPA

9. OEAP

10. AfPE

11. HSE