



THE BOYS' BRIGADE NORTHERN IRELAND DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S BADGE AT HOME CONTINUING THE AWARD DURING CORONAVIRUS

The President's Badge is awarded during year 4 of Company Section and Seniors and may be gained by a member of The Boys' Brigade. It's a real opportunity; it aims to challenge and equip the individual, provide new opportunities and expand horizons while remaining accessible to young people of all abilities. We don't want the opportunities that the President's Badge provides to stop because of the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, we want young people to continue to thrive and take the opportunity to focus during these times to continue with their award.

A QUICK REMINDER | WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

In order to achieve the President's Badge a young person must complete the following activities:

<p>Awarded during year 4</p>	<p>The young person is awarded the President's Badge during year 4 of the Company Section & Seniors. In school terms, they would receive this in 4th year/Year 11 in Secondary School, the year they are 14 turning 15 years old.</p> <p>During Covid-19 we are still taking President's Badge Application forms, complete the form on our website and send your payment via PayPal using this link http://www.paypal.me/bbnewport. If you have any further queries contact the office 028 92 688444. To be awarded you need to complete all the elements listed below.</p>
<p>Complete a Christian Faith Development Course</p>	<p>This is something that will be a part of your core BB programme, also known as Bible Class, Scripture, Christian Education etc. The Northern Ireland District has a Scripture Programme every year. Please note it is NOT a requirement to complete an examination.</p> <p>During Covid-19 physical meetings may not be possible due to the government restrictions. We would suggest that you make arrangements to have a virtual session following the Brigade UK guidelines in which you can deliver the NID Scripture Programme or material like this.</p>
<p>Have good attendance for 1 session</p>	<p>It is expected that the young person has good attendance for one session. Please be considerate if a young person misses for valid reasons such as representing their school at open night, attending another church event or attending a school Scripture Union activity. These are some of the activities that we want to encourage our young people to be a part of.</p> <p>During Covid-19 government restrictions may mean being present physically at meetings is not possible. This shouldn't hinder attendance because the company is unable to meet because of the restrictions. Considerations must also be given for young people who are vulnerable or shielding when your company returns as they may not be able to. This shouldn't hinder the young person's ability to achieve the award. You could make arrangements to have a virtual session following the Brigade UK guidelines. Also be mindful for those who may not have the ability to access virtual sessions online and this again cannot hinder their ability to achieve the award.</p>

Be recommended by the Company Captain	The young person is to be recommended for the award by the Company Captain.
Participate in a non-residential teamwork skills experience run by Battalion, District or Region.	<p>This is also known as a “Building Your Skills Course”. The course was formally known as “Grade 3 Leadership” which should no longer be used to avoid confusion. These courses are usually delivered at a Battalion level. This course may be run as a residential course within your Battalion.</p> <p>If in the event a course is cancelled due to Covid-19 the young person would still complete the award.</p>
Once the above requirements are complete, the young person must then complete either Route A or Route B	
Route A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete at least 30 points from the discover programme, having gained three badges in the last 12 months; • Take part in an activity-based residential event within the BB • Complete 10 hours of practical service for the Brigade or Church <p>Ideas for the 10 hours of practical service for the Brigade or Church during Covid-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare BB Sessions for a future company night. • Create online content such as videos of talks, worship, games, quizzes, craft demos for BB, Sunday School or Church etc. • Lead online BB sessions with a leader using platforms like Zoom. • Help manage Social Media for your BB or Church. • Create videos and graphics to promote BB or Church. • Help manage the BB or Church Website. • Assist the BB or Church with admin, this could be creating rotas etc. <p>During Covid-19 it may not be possible to have physical meetings but the badgework can still be completed by using BBatHome or using the discover programme through virtual session. In the event that the activity-based residential is cancelled due to Covid-19 the young person would still complete the award. Please use the above ideas to complete the 10 hours of practical service for the Brigade or Church during government restrictions.</p>
Route B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained Bronze Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. <p>During Covid-19 it may be difficult to complete this award, if this is the situation then you are advised to follow Route A above. Duke of Edinburgh has produced resources around continuing with the award during Covid-19 go to https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference</p>

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<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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**We have this hope as an anchor for
the soul, firm and secure.**
Hebrews 6:19