



Transition to the new Queen's Guide award programme in 2023

1. If you've started your award already, you can transfer what you've done so far across to the new programme. You'll need to complete anything you can't transfer following the new programme sections.

Please note: You don't have to transfer to the new programme. If you'd like to continue and complete the 'old' programme, following its guidance, you can.

Current programme	Where it counts in the new programme
Service in guiding Element 1 Element 2 Element 3 Element 4	<p>Guiding challenge – depending on your aim, any of the 4 elements could count for 1 of your project focuses (girl, volunteer, growth and retention, inclusion) as long as you've worked at different levels and with different sections.</p> <p>For example, if you organised an event for 2 units to count for element 3, this would count for your girl focus project.</p> <p>If you organised and coordinated volunteers at a residential event for your element 2, this would count for your volunteer focus project.</p>

<p>Outdoor challenge</p> <p>Element 1</p> <p>Element 2</p>	<p>Lead the way challenge – option 1 or 3.</p>
<p>Personal skill development</p>	<p>Personal development challenge – as long as you’ve done a minimum of 50 hours in total, including the ‘sharing back into guiding’ requirement.</p>
<p>Community action</p>	<p>Community action challenge – research and practical (as long as you’ve done a minimum of 25 hours in total, including the ‘sharing back into guiding’ requirement).</p>
<p>Residential experience</p>	<p>Social experience – option 1 or 2.</p>

2. If you choose to move to the new programme, you still have to complete the award within 3 years of when you originally started. You can take a planned break of up to 1 year.
3. If you only have 1 section left to complete, we recommend that you continue with the ‘old’ programme.
4. Following the 2023 programme launch, if you haven’t started your award yet, you must start and complete the new programme. After the launch, if you start your Queen’s Guide award, you must complete it by your 31st birthday.
5. If you’re approaching your 26th birthday and decide to swap to the new programme, you can extend your end date past your birthday (as long as you don’t exceed 3 years in total from your start date). If you stay on the ‘old’ programme, you must still finish by your 26th birthday.
6. With the launch of the new programme, we have updated the silver brooch, enamel badge and woven badge. Once items with the previous design are out of stock, candidates will receive the new design even if they complete the ‘old’ programme.

7. The way we hold national celebrations is changing. But don't worry – you'll still be invited to celebrate your award at a national event. We'll continue to hold local presentations like they are now.
8. If you've already achieved your Queen's Guide award, you can complete the new programme for your own challenge. However, please be aware that you'll not be presented with another certificate and badge or be invited to any celebrations.



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