



British Caving Association

IMPORTANT CHANGES AND ERRATA - EDITION 5 OF THE LCMLA HANDBOOK

1. Important Changes to the LCMLA Update Regulations from 01 November 2010

An LCMLA award will run for 5 years as before but once it reaches its expiry date there will be no longer be an additional 12-month update window. The certificate will be deemed to have 'expired' and the leader may no longer be technically qualified to work. This may invalidate their insurance.

Anyone whose certificate expires will have to undertake a special Core Skills Reassessment and should contact the Training Administrator for details. However, as from 01/11/2010 leaders may update up to 18 months before the expiry date and will receive a reminder 18 months and 9 months in advance.

All update workshop application forms will now be sent to the Training Administrator rather than the course director. Applications should be made at least 6 weeks in advance or the application may be rejected.

2. Important Changes to the LCMLA Update Regulations from 07/03/2017

As from 01/03/2017 successful completion of CIC modules one and two with a minimum score of three in each, will act to update a Level Two LCMLA award.

3. Revalidation Workshops - Name Change from 01/04/17

Technically these are not revalidations as it is award holder's responsibility to maintain a current and valid logbook and ensure they are operating at the required standard for their work. The workshops cannot contain any element of assessment due to time and ratio restraints. As from 01/04/2017 these will be renamed Update Workshops as they aim to update award holder's in a range of areas through the provider and through networking with the others present. Any areas of concern noticed by the T/A running the workshop will be noted on the S4B report with a recommended action plan to remedy, and it becomes the award holder's responsibility to address these.

It will take some time to update all documents etc to reflect the name change and to consolidate it within the general LCMLA jargon commonly in use.

4. Important Changes to the LCMLA Update Regulations

3.6.4 ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO RESET THE CLOCK

As from **01/01/2014** section 3.6.4 point 2 has been changed to the following:-

A candidate may update their **Level Two** award by successfully completing **CIC Training**.

As from **26/02/2018** completion of Level 2 training will serve to update a Level 1 Certificate and update an award from the date it expires.



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5. Out Of Area Sites

As from **01/07/2016**, if you have caves and or mines on your certificate or wish to add new ones from an area other than that in which you are going to do an update workshop, you must contact a Trainer Assessor from that area to agree that those sites may be on your new certificate after the update. The update workshop leader will ask to see evidence that this has been done – such as an email. Contact details for all Trainer Assessors can be found on the BCA website. As from **26/02/2018** this also applies to anyone doing Level Two Training.

6. L2 Training Updates L1 Award

As from 26/07/2018 holders of current valid Level 1 certificates may update their award by completing Level 2 training as long as they fulfil the prerequisites for a normal update workshop. To do this they must complete the appropriate form downloadable from the website and return it to the T/A who will be running the training course.