

**Dorset Council DofE EXPEDITION STAFFING RATIOS FOR REMOTE SUPERVISION
IN NON-WILD COUNTRY**

No. of Teams of 4- 7	Qualified Staff Required + minimum number of unqualified Assistants All staff must be DBS cleared and over 18 years old.	Notes
1-2	1 C&C or higher + 1 u/q assistant	Unqualified Assistants Must be DBS cleared and over 18 years old and have relevant experience. The level of experience required will depend on the role of the assistant, determined by the Team Supervisor and the conditions on the day.
3 (In County)	1 C&C + 2 u/q Assistants	In normal, rural countryside within Dorset
3 (Out of County)	2 C&C + 1 u/q assistant OR 1 SMCL + 2 u/q assistants	In normal, rural or open, non-wild country outside Dorset e.g. New Forest
4	2 C&C + 2 u/q assistants OR 1 SMCL + 3 u/q assistants	The underlying principle is that there will always be one 'dedicated' person per group
5	2 C&C/2 SMCL + 3 u/q assistants	n/a
6+	Submit proposal for approval	n/a

- **You should aim to have a balance of male and female staff.** A mixed gender staff team is a requirement for non-school units and strongly recommended for schools when going on expeditions involving mixed sex groups of young people. Contact the DofE manager for further information.
- **Qualifications shown are the minimum level required.** C&C = SWMLTS (SWMLTS = South West Moorland Leader Training Scheme)
Coastal & Countryside & L3 Lowland Walker (Old BELA)
SMCL = SWMLTS Summer Moorland Leader with Camping Endorsement
ML (Mountain Leader) and Hill and Moorland (old WGL Walking Group Leader) are higher than SMCL
- **Overnight Camping.** If participants are all camped on the same location only ONE member of staff present needs to hold a camping qualification. Staffing overnight should be on a ratio of no less than 1:15, and a minimum of two staff
- **Day Walk** staff qualified through the SWMLTS do NOT require the Camping Endorsement
- **All activity should take place in Summer Conditions** - these are typically seen as fair weather days throughout the year. It should be noted that even during summer conditions a non forecasted combination of wind, rain, low temperatures and poor visibility are a potential hazard for which the leader and party should be suitably prepared and equipped.
- **Winter Moorland Conditions:** These include a combination of rain or snow, cold winds and low temperatures. Appropriately qualified leaders (SWMTS Winter Walking) can conduct day training but it is not recommended. Conditions present or forecast which may require the use of ice axes, crampons or other technical equipment to protect the leader and other members of the party are outside the scope of all listed qualifications.