

## CRITERIA FOR A BLUE BADGE ENDORSEMENT PROGRAMME

The term 'Endorsement Programme' will be used exclusively for any qualification linked to a site or sites gained by successful completion of an accredited programme requiring:

- Participants to hold a Blue Badge qualification.
- A minimum of 24 contact hours.
- Successful performance in an examination at the end.
- The site/area to offer scope for the Programme to be offered more than once.

The Institute accepts endorsement qualifications for guides who:

- Hold a Blue Badge qualification.
- Have registered for and **fully** participated in an accredited endorsement training programme.
- Have performed successfully in an examination for this qualification. Absences on the training programme may be agreed at the discretion of the programme director and training provider.

The function of an Institute Endorsement qualification is to build on one, or several, existing Institute qualification(s). Access to the Endorsement should be open to as wide a range of Blue Badge Institute qualified guides as possible. An assessment must be made of the prior knowledge and prior skills on which the Endorsement content is based and access to the Endorsement may require participants to hold qualifications for a specific area. It is necessary therefore, when formulating or assessing proposals for Endorsements to be able to demonstrate how the content and function of the Endorsement will enhance existing qualifications within that qualification's parameters (including whether parameters are for a fixed or flexible area qualification).

Submission of details: aims, objectives, proposed programme and syllabus, contact hours (minimum to be 24) evaluation/assessment procedures, duration and venue, programme deliverers.

If approved, the appellation "Institute recommended Endorsement Programme" may be used in documentation and advertising. Programme details to be held on file by the Institute and a brief description to be published by The Institute. Successful Blue Badge participants may advertise this qualification in the Institute register and wherever else appropriate.