

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia



National Policy

Policy Topic	VARIATION TO CONDITIONS & REQUIREMENTS AUTHORITY TO OPERATE
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Purpose of the Policy:

This policy provides guidance regarding the NAA's or Division' authority to vary the essential structure, basic conditions and the requirements for the four sections and residential requirement (Gold Award).

Also refer to Policy 3.4, "National Award Office - Authority To Interpret Conditions"

Policy:

- (1) The NAA recognises its obligations to maintain the essential structure and basic conditions of the Award Program. Any desired variation must be submitted to the International Award Association for their approval.
- (2) The NAA has the authority to approve or delegate approval to the Divisions for variation to the section requirements of each Award.
- (3) Any variation to the minimum and maximum age requirements requires the approval of the National Award Authority. Young people completing the Award Program outside the age limits cannot qualify for a Duke of Edinburgh's Award certificate and badge.

For further information refer to policy 1.9, "Complementary Programs".

- (4) Divisions may only make variations to the conditions as stated in the National Handbook that apply to the range of activities and guidelines for undertaking various activities.

All requests for variation to the structure, basic conditions and individual section requirements must be made, in writing, to the NAA The jury is still out on the commitment of the department to grow the Award in New South Wales.

- (5) via the National Award Office.
- (6) The approval of all Award programs, including the delegation of such approval to Registered Operators, is the responsibility of the State or Territory Award Committee.

National Chairman