

# The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia



## National Policy

<b>Policy Topic</b>	<b>AUTHORITY TO INTERPRET CONDITIONS</b> NATIONAL AWARD OFFICE
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### **Purpose of the Policy:**

This policy recognises that the National Award Office is called upon from time to time to give advice to Divisions and national operators regarding interpreting the requirements and conditions for the individual Award Program sections.

This policy needs to be read in conjunction with Policy No. 1.4 "Variation to Award Conditions and Requirements".

### **Policy:**

- (1) The essential structure and basic conditions of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award cannot be varied without the permission of the National Award Authority.
- (2) State and Territory 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.
- (3) The National Chief Executive Officer has the authority to:
  - a. Respond to Division's enquiries to interpret Award Section requirements
  - b. Respond to individual operator's (Local, State or National) enquiries for an interpretation, especially if there is a disagreement in interpretation with the Divisional Committee.
- (4) When the National Award Office makes an interpretation it will note the details in a Register and inform the Executive Officers at the next Executive Planning Conference.

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National Chairman