



Assessing the RSGB Radio Surfer Award

Guidance to assessors

Thank you for agreeing to be an assessor. Below are some notes about the award and how you need to evidence it.

The Radio Surfer Award is an initiative by the RSGB Youth Team to encourage anyone to try new radio-related activities. Although aimed at younger people, the award is open to any age.

Participation is far more critical than achievement. If the candidate has spent hours trying to make something work, but hasn't managed it, they should pass. This is an encouragement award designed to stimulate interest and encourage experimenting.

Assessors can guide and support but cannot do any of the work. For example, an assessor could test a circuit and identify an issue, but the candidate would have to fix the fault themselves.

Before you agree to be an assessor, you need to be confident that you have the skills yourself. The challenges have minimal detail, so there is scope for creativity and lots of interpretation.

As an assessor you must never tell the candidate which challenges they should select.

Who can be an assessor?

Any technically competent person can be an assessor. Ideally you would be independent from the candidate but there aren't rules to prevent you being related to or living with them. This award is trust-based and is all about stimulating an interest in wireless communications.

Witnessing an application

After tasks have been completed, you need to send an email to awards@rsgb.org.uk using the following format:

"I can confirm that [FIRSTNAME LASTNAME] has completed the RSGB Radio Surfer Award. I have assessed their efforts in completing tasks totalling [NUMBER] points. They are currently [AGE] years old, and I have seen proof of this.

Completed activities:

POINTS for challenge ID NUMBER

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TOTAL POINTS

I have the experience to assess this candidate because (1 – 2 sentences):

FULL NAME”

Getting the certificate

You will be emailed back a unique number that the candidate can use to gain the award. They need to go to the [RSGB Shop](#), choose the ‘Awards’ section under the ‘Other products’ tab and then choose and pay for the Radio Surfer Award certificate.

How you can help

1. We want the award to develop, so if you think of good challenges, then please let us know.
2. We are also interested in the story behind completing the award, so taking some time to write up how it went and getting some photos would be great. You will need the consent of the candidate (and their parent/guardian if the candidate is under 18) for any pictures but it is always great to see young people experimenting with radio. If you would like to send in a couple of paragraphs and some photos, please include the following statement in your email to show that you have permission to share/for the RSGB to use the photos. If the parent/guardian has any particular requests regarding photos of the candidate, please include those too – e.g. only using a first name and not a surname; not using the photos on social media etc:

“I [NAME AND RELATION TO CANDIDATE IF APPROPRIATE] give permission for the photos of [NAME] to be used by the RSGB to promote the Radio Surfer Award, the RSGB and amateur radio generally. I understand that they might be used in a variety of ways which may include in print, on the website and on social media sites. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product where my photo appears or the right to any royalties for it.”

3. Please send all ideas and feedback to the RSGB youth champion:
youth.champion@rsgb.org.uk