



# Learner Application Form Certificate in Sports Coach Development

## INTRODUCTION

The Certificate in Sports Coach Development involves the development of Sports Coach Developers. Coach Developers play an important role within the Coaching Development Programme for Ireland by educating and supporting coaches in National Governing Bodies (NGBs). The Coach Developer programme provides learners with the skills required to deliver effective coach education courses within a NGB and to identify and deliver relevant support to coaches in non-formal contexts.

The Coach Developer programme is recognised by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) and is included on the National Framework of Qualifications as a Level 7 Special Purpose Certificate in Sports Coach Development (PG24650). Learners who complete the qualification will receive 45 credits, which they can use to access Further and Higher Education.

The programme is aimed at experienced sports coaches who want to be involved in the development and support of coaches within their sport. Applicants should:

- Hold a NGB coaching qualification CDPI Level 2 or higher (or the highest level NGB coach award) or be a NGB staff member with a specific role in the delivery of coach education
- Be actively coaching for at least five years
- Be nominated by a NGB
  
- Minimum 18 years of age
- IELTS Level 6 or equivalent (for applicants who English isn't their first language)

The programme involves two stages. Stage 1 is delivered directly by Sport Ireland Coaching over 10 contact days (usually five weekends) and covers three modules – Introduction to Coach Development, Coach Developer Practice and Leadership in Coach Development. Stage 2 takes place in the NGB where the trainee Coach Developer applies the knowledge and skills

learned in Stage 1 in a sport-specific setting under the guidance of the NGB and completes a set of required activities such as delivering elements of the NGB's coach education programme and supporting the development of coaches. The trainee Coach Developer must also complete a number of assessments. The Learner Information Pack provides detail on the assessments.

On successful completion of the programme, learners are deployed by their NGB to train and support coaches at a level commensurate with their own coaching experience. They may also be deployed by their NGB to develop and/or review coach education programmes.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

All learner applications must be endorsed by the relevant NGB. The NGB must complete the NGB Nomination Form to endorse the application. This form is available from Sport Ireland Coaching. Both the Learner Application Form and the NGB Nomination Form must be completed in full and submitted to Sport Ireland Coaching before the learner can be considered for the programme.

## Section 1: Personal Details

1. I have read and understand the Learner Pre-Application Pack \*

Yes

No

2. Name \*

3. Address \*

4. Telephone \*

5. Email Address \*

6. Gender \*

Male

Female

Prefer Not to Say

Other

7. Date of Birth \*

8. Country of Origin \*

9. Personal Public Service (PPS) Number

*This information is required by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) for the purposes of certification \**

10. Special Needs *(please identify any special requirements you may have)*

11. Registered illnesses and/or dietary requirements

12. NGB through which the application will be processed \*

## Section 2: Coaching Qualifications

13. Please state the coaching qualifications you hold \*

14. Please state the number of years you have been actively coaching \*

15. Please provide details of your experience(s) as a coach e.g. the types of individuals/groups/clubs you have worked with and for how long \*

### Section 3: Experience in Coach Development

16. Describe any experience you have in supporting the development of coaches either through the delivery of formal coach education programmes or non-formal coach development.

If you have not been involved in the development or support of coaches in your sport, please state 'Not applicable' below. \*

## Section 4: Other Qualifications

17. Please identify any other relevant qualifications or experience e.g. sports science/PE qualification, teaching experience, experience presenting at conferences/seminars, experience as a coach at regional, national or international level \*

## Section 5: Personal Statement

18. In your own words, please indicate the role which you feel you can play as a Coach Developer in your NGB, indicating the areas in which you feel you can make a strong contribution to the education and support of coaches. \*

## Section 6: NGB Section

This section should be completed by the National Governing Body

19. I have read the **NGB Initial Information Pack** and **NGB Work Placement Pack** for the Certificate in Sports Coach Development (packs available on Sport Ireland Coaching website) and I understand the responsibilities of the NGB in supporting learners during this programme \*

Yes

20. All applicants for the Certificate in Sports Coach Development must be assigned an NGB mentor (usually a Coach Developer Assessor) PRIOR to the commencement of the programme. Please use the space below to identify the mentor assigned for this applicant?

If you do not have a suitable NGB mentor, please state so below. \*

21. The officer/committee responsible for processing this application is asked to comment on the application here, indicating the level of agreement with the Coach Developer's self-assessment and proposed levels for Coach Development. If you have any special physical, intellectual or emotional needs which a Trainer of Coach Developers would benefit from knowing, please indicate them here

22. Name of NGB Officer

23. Position within the NGB

24. Date

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