

Visits Abroad - Adults in Scouting

The new visit abroad rule and definition requires that all Scouting visits abroad are approved and logged with HQ prior to the trip happening.

This is a **new** requirement for adults in Scouting.

If you are travelling abroad in the name of UK Scouting then you now need to log your trip and gain approval from your relevant commissioner. Amongst other things this includes:

- ✓ Completing a reconnaissance trip ahead of an international trip
- ✓ Attending an international Scouting event or meeting
- ✓ Meeting with Scouts in another country to plan activities
- ✓ Being a member of IST or International Camp Staff

The purpose of this is to:

- Ensure there is a central log of all Scouting visits abroad at any given time to allow for support to be given in the event of an international emergency/disaster
- Ensure the relevant commissioner/line manager has approved the visit abroad to take place and is happy that the arrangements made are safe and in line with POR

The simple 2 page form can be found [here](#) and filled out in less than 10minutes:

Part A: Ideally fill this out as soon as you know about the visit happening and send to your ACC(I) who will seek initial approval from the relevant commissioner. *Essentially this gives your line manager and relevant stakeholders a heads-up that you're planning on going abroad and enables them offer support where needed.

Part B: Update Part A and Part B with all of the details of the trip and send to your ACC(I) who will review and recommend approval from the relevant commissioner for your trip to take place.

Once all relevant details in Part A and B are filled out and final approval is gained your ACC(I) will forward on the form (and prior email correspondence showing approval) to international@scouts.org.uk.

Ideally this would be done 6 weeks prior to the trip but we understand that for some smaller trips this may not be possible, the priority is that the information is with HQ before the trip leaves the UK.

Approval:

- ACC(I)s and equivalents are responsible for supporting members through the Visit Abroad process and recommending approval from relevant Commissioners.
- Approving Commissioner/s should be relevant to the type and purpose of the trip.