

WELCOME TO THE RESCUE DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS

The Rescue Pathway in this document is effective from 1st January 2026.

Once you have met the minimum requirements to qualify for a Rescue Trainee Official licence, you can volunteer for any type of event. However, there are defined pathways available in both Rescue disciplines which allow you to develop and learn the skills needed to progress on your journey through the sport.

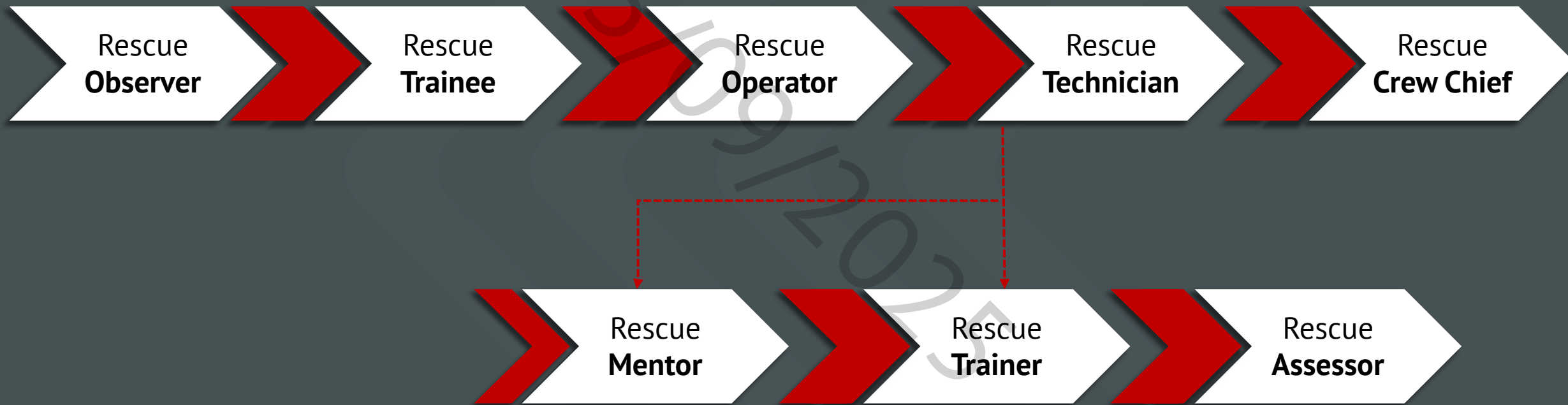
If you are already a Rescue licence holder then please view the Acquired Rights link to check what will change for you.

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OVERVIEW - RESCUE PATHWAY



RESCUE OBSERVER RESPONSIBILITIES

- A Rescue Observer must have agreed their attendance with the Crew Chief prior to the event;
- They must be signed on as an Official;
- They can, and should, participate in any on-unit training;
- They must wear an identifying tabard marked as 'OBSERVER' in a colour other than red, orange or yellow;
- They must not be allowed to act in any capacity other than an observer, they may not be involved in any operational incident handling activities;
- An Observer may only attend a maximum of 2 days on a Rescue Unit.

RESCUE UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide an on-event safety and operational briefing;
- At no time must a Rescue Unit have more than a total of 2 Rescue Observers / Trainees or a combination thereof in addition to the crew. In this instance the crew is defined as comprising people holding a grade of Rescue Operator or above;

The rationale is to clarify the rules and to enable Rescue Units to attract suitable people for the equivalent of 'taster days'. Due to the nature of the role, it may be that some of those people do not have any existing motorsport involvement.

ATTENDANCE

- Up to a **maximum of 2 days as an 'Observer'** on a Rescue Unit prior to application which should consist of one day at each of race (or speed) and stage rally events.

ASSESSMENTS

REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum age **18**;
- Motorsport UK **Registered Marshal**;
- Complete the **Motorsport UK Emergency Services Induction Programme**;
- Meet the **Rescue Crew Fitness guidelines**;
- Motorsport UK Suitability Check (**DBS and PVG**) compliance;
- Letter of Endorsement** from Crew Chief of an Existing Rescue Unit;
- Completion of the following Marshal Training Modules:
 - **GE01A** – Fire Theory
 - **GE01B** – Fire Practical
 - **RC/SP/OT/KT/R01B** – Communication in Theory
 - **RC/SP/OT/KT02B** – Communication in Practice
- Possession of a current First Aid Certificate is desirable.

ATTENDANCE

- **10 days** as a member of the Rescue and Medical team across a **minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 24 months**;
- **2** Motorsport UK accredited **Rescue/Medical training days**;
- **8 hours of Continuing Professional Development** per year, outside of Rescue training days (Motorsport UK or other accredited seminars or webinars or appropriate external training approved in advance by Motorsport UK)

ASSESSMENTS

- **1 practical assessment at event** carried out by Motorsport UK approved Rescue Assessor.

REQUIREMENTS

Complete the Motorsport UK **Rescue Competency Framework for Rescue Operators**;

Meet the **Rescue Crew Fitness guidelines**;

Nomination Letter from Crew Chief endorsing for an Operator Assessment;

Hold a Motorsport UK recognised first aid or pre-hospital qualification is recommended;



ATTENDANCE

- **4 days** as a member of the Rescue and Medical team;
- **2** Motorsport UK accredited **Rescue/Medical training days**;
- **8 hours of Continuing Professional Development** per year, outside of Rescue training days (Motorsport UK or other accredited seminars or webinars or appropriate external training approved in advance by Motorsport UK)

ASSESSMENTS

- **1 skills re-assessment** every **36 months** from the date of the previous assessment

REQUIREMENTS

Meet the **Rescue Crew Fitness guidelines**;

Complete the **on-unit training modules** as detailed in the Motorsport UK Rescue Training Record, with appropriate signatures for each part.

Motorsport UK **Suitability Check** (DBS and PVG) compliance.

Licensed Rescue Operators **will not** be automatically re-licensed on the basis of attending assessment days only.



RESCUE OPERATOR – ROLE DESCRIPTION

- Operate safely at a motorsport incident and provide scene safety, set up and operate equipment, work as part of a multi-disciplinary team including Rescue, Medical, Recovery and others to perform tasks to assist or extricate a casualty.
- The role is open to all but aimed specifically at newly qualified Rescue Crew members for whom targeted support will be available.

Responsibilities

- Work as a member of a multidisciplinary team.
- Take responsibility for the effective performance of themselves and their team.
- Save and preserve endangered life.
- Resolve operational incidents as part of a team, leading the team if necessary.
- Work to protect the environment from the effects of hazardous materials and substances.
- Support the effectiveness of the operational incident response.
- Support the development of other team members and Trainees.
- Able to work on own initiative.

A licenced Rescue Operator may act as Rescue Crew Chief at an event due to *force majeure* only if they meet the criteria for upgrading to Rescue Technician and if agreed by the Motorsport UK Steward or Motorsport UK Safety Delegate prior to the event or stage start.



ATTENDANCE

- **10 days** as a member of the Rescue and Medical team;
- **2** Motorsport UK accredited **Rescue/Medical training days**;
- **8 hours of Continuing Professional Development** per year, outside of Rescue training days (Motorsport UK or extseminars or other accredited seminars or webinars or appropriate external training approved in advance by Motorsport UK)

ASSESSMENTS

- **1** practical **assessment at event** carried out by Motorsport UK approved Rescue Assessor.

REQUIREMENTS

- Hold a **Rescue Operator Licence** for a minimum of **12 months**;
- Complete the Motorsport UK **Rescue Competency Framework for Rescue Technician**;
- Meet the **Rescue Crew Fitness guidelines**;
- Nomination Letter** from Crew Chief endorsing for a Technician Assessment;
- Hold a Motorsport UK recognised first aid or pre-hospital qualification is recommended;



ATTENDANCE

- **6 days** as a member of the Rescue and Medical team;
- **2** Motorsport UK accredited **Rescue/Medical training days**;
- **8 hours of Continuing Professional Development** per year, outside of Rescue training days (Motorsport UK or other accredited seminars or webinars or appropriate external training approved in advance by Motorsport UK).

ASSESSMENTS

- **1 skills re-assessment** every **36 months** from the date of the previous assessment.

REQUIREMENTS

Meet the **Rescue Crew Fitness guidelines**;

Complete the **on-unit training modules** as detailed in the Motorsport UK Rescue Training Record, with appropriate signatures for each part;

Motorsport UK **Suitability Check** (DBS and PVG) compliance;

Licensed Rescue Technicians **will not** be automatically re-licensed on the basis of attending assessment days only.



RESCUE TECHNICIAN – ROLE DESCRIPTION

- Experienced and skilled in all aspects of operating safely at a motorsport incidents. Can assess the need for and provide scene safety, form and implement straightforward extrication plans, set up and operate equipment, work as part of a multi-disciplinary team including Rescue, Medical, Recovery and others, leading it if necessary, to perform tasks to assist or extricate a casualty.
- Act as a deputy to the Rescue Crew Chief as necessary.

Responsibilities

- Lead or work as a member of a multidisciplinary team.
- Consistently take responsibility for the effective performance of themselves and their team.
- Save and preserve endangered life.
- Resolve operational incidents as part of a team, leading the team as necessary.
- Plan and execute strategies to protect the environment from the effects of hazardous materials and substances.
- Sustain the effectiveness of the operational incident response.
- Contribute to the development of other team members and Trainees.
- Consistently able to work independently.
- Able to perform a dynamic risk assessment and ensure safe operating practice.

A licenced Rescue Technician may act as Rescue Crew Chief at an event due to *force majeure* only if they meet the criteria for upgrading to Rescue Technician and if agreed by the Motorsport UK Steward or Motorsport UK Safety Delegate prior to the event or stage start.



ATTENDANCE

- **10 days** as a member of the Rescue and Medical team;
- **4 days acting as Rescue Crew Chief** with a licensed Rescue Crew Chief as a Mentor
- **2** Motorsport UK accredited **Rescue/Medical training days**;
- **8 hours of Continuing Professional Development** per year, outside of Rescue training days (Motorsport UK or other accredited seminars or webinars or appropriate external training approved in advance by Motorsport UK)

ASSESSMENTS

- **1 practical assessment at event** carried out by Motorsport UK approved Rescue Assessor.

REQUIREMENTS

Hold a **Rescue Technician Licence** for a minimum of **12 months**;

Complete the Motorsport UK **Rescue Competency Framework for Rescue Crew Chief**;

Meet the **Rescue Crew Fitness guidelines**;

Nomination Letter from Crew Chief endorsing for a Crew Chief Assessment;

Hold a Motorsport UK recognised first aid or pre-hospital qualification is recommended;



ATTENDANCE

- **8 days** as a member of the Rescue and Medical team;
- **9 days over 36 months** as a Rescue Crew **Chief**
- **2** Motorsport UK accredited **Rescue/Medical training days**;
- **8 hours of Continuing Professional Development** per year, outside of Rescue training days (Motorsport UK or other accredited seminars or webinars or appropriate external training approved in advance by Motorsport UK).

ASSESSMENTS

- **1 skills re-assessment** every **36 months** from the date of the previous assessment.

REQUIREMENTS

Meet the **Rescue Crew Fitness guidelines**;

Complete the **on-unit training modules** as detailed in the Motorsport UK Rescue Training Record, with appropriate signatures for each part;

Motorsport UK **Suitability Check** (DBS and PVG) compliance;

Licensed Rescue Crew Chiefs **will not** be automatically re-licensed on the basis of attending assessment days only.



- Leadership role that includes tactical incident command, scene safety, extrication planning and resource management.

Responsibilities

- Lead a multidisciplinary team including team allocations, briefing and debriefing.
- Manage the effective performance of themselves and their team.
- Save and preserve endangered life.
- Manage the resolution of operational incidents as a team leader.
- Plan and execute strategies to ensure that we protect the environment from the effects of hazardous materials.
- Accountable for the effectiveness of the operational incident response.
- Contribute to the development of other team members and Trainees.
- Plan and communicate extrication strategies.
- The undertaking of dynamic risk assessment and ensuring safe operating practices.
- Investigate and report on events to inform future practice.
- Communicates effectively with other event officials as necessary.



APPLICATION

- A candidate must hold a minimum of a **Rescue Technician** Licence grade;
- **Email Motorsport UK** accompanied by a motorsport CV and an Endorsement Letter of the Crew Chief on an existing Rescue Unit;
- Attend the Mentors & Assessors course;
- Complete specific Training modules as advised in the Rescue Competency Framework;

REQUIREMENTS

- Stay updated with the latest trends and developments in motorsport vehicle construction, extrication and technical rescue techniques.

ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

A mentor is someone who shares their knowledge, skills and experience, to help another to develop and grow.

Mentoring is about listening and encouraging, rather than teaching, training or telling someone exactly what they need to do.

Each Rescue Trainee and Operator will have access to a Mentor. There is no expectation that Mentors will be at every training session or event.



APPLICATION

- A candidate must hold a minimum of a **Rescue Technician** Licence grade;
- **Email Motorsport UK** accompanied by a motorsport CV and an Endorsement Letter of the Crew Chief on an existing Rescue Unit;
- Complete the **Train-the-Trainer** programme and specific Training modules as advised in the Rescue Competency Framework;
- Appointments are subject to confirmation by the Motorsport UK Rescue and Recovery Working Group.

REQUIREMENTS

- **Deliver training** at a minimum of **2** Motorsport UK recognised training days in a **12-month** period;
- Attend **1 Motorsport UK Emergency Services Trainers Seminar** every **24 months**;

ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

A Rescue Trainer is someone who shares their knowledge, skills and experience, to provide training in the latest techniques and knowledge, aligned to the Motorsport UK Rescue Competency Matrix, to other Rescue licence holders;

A Rescue Trainer must stay updated with the latest trends and developments in motorsport vehicle construction, extrication and technical rescue techniques;

Training is about teaching, encouraging and feeding back to support continuous improvements in the standards of Motorsport UK Rescue licence holders;



APPLICATION

- Must already hold a **Rescue Trainer licence** and should have a **minimum of 5 years or 10 days experience** of working in that role;
- **Email Motorsport UK** accompanied by a **motorsport CV** and an Endorsement Letter of the Crew Chief on an existing Rescue Unit;
- Complete specific **Training modules** as advised in the **Rescue Competency Framework**;
- Appointments are **subject** to confirmation by the Motorsport UK **Rescue and Recovery Working Group**.

REQUIREMENTS

- **Deliver training** at a minimum of **2** Motorsport UK recognised training days in a **12-month** period;
- Attend **1 Motorsport UK Emergency Services Trainers Seminar** every **24 months**;

ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

A Rescue Assessor is someone who uses their knowledge, skills and experience, to assess the techniques and knowledge, aligned to the Motorsport UK Rescue Competency Matrix, of Rescue licence holders who are upgrading or relicensing;

Assessing is about observing and feeding back to candidates so that they can be confident in their own skills and knowledge and those of the other Rescue licence holders that they may be working with;

A Rescue Assessor must stay updated with the latest trends and developments in motorsport vehicle construction, extrication and technical rescue techniques.



Motorsport emergency services team members should have a basic level of operational fitness, the criteria are defined here. When you sign on for a Motorsport UK event, you confirm that you are physically fit for your role. These criteria are what you agree you can achieve.

- Eyesight
 - You must have eyesight that complies with the current DVLA eyesight requirements for driving a car. If you need to wear spectacles or contact lenses to achieve this requirement then you must wear them when signed on at an event.
 - Spectacles, if worn, should be fitted with shatterproof lenses.
- Fitness
 - Carry a fire extinguisher (minimum 6kg) 25m at a brisk walk, place it on the ground, return to the start point to collect a second fire extinguisher (minimum 6kg) then carry it 25m at a brisk walk, place it on the ground and return to the start point.
 - Perform 2 minutes of effective compression-only CPR.

It is strongly recommended that motorsport emergency services team members should be immunised against tetanus and hepatitis-B.



- Rescue assessments are standardised, a common Motorsport UK marking sheet is used to record the Assessor's observations and comments against standard criteria.
- Assessments will be conducted over a minimum of a 7-hour period, allowing for an extended period of observation of candidates.
- All assessments will be based on a set of common, predefined scenarios.
- Assessments will use clearly documented, accessible, assessment criteria.
- The standard assessment scoring sheet is available to view.
- Assessors will provide written feedback for unsuccessful candidates or those with an identified training need.
- There is a documented appeals process for unsuccessful candidates.

RESCUE ACQUIRED RIGHTS – CURRENT TRAINEE LICENCE

Current Licence Grade	Criteria	New Licence Grade
Rescue Trainee	<p>Licence held for more than 2 years?</p> <p>You must follow the new process to reapply for a Rescue Trainee licence unless you pass an upgrade assessment before 30th June 2025</p>	Rescue Trainee
Rescue Trainee	<p>Licence held for less than 2 years?</p> <p>You will continue as a Rescue Trainee. Learning achievements from the previous licencing scheme (the 'white book') are mapped in the competency framework</p>	Rescue Trainee



RESCUE ACQUIRED RIGHTS – CURRENT RESCUE LICENCE

Current Licence Grade	Criteria	New Licence Grade
Rescue	'Full' Rescue licence held for less than 1 year or fewer than 10 days crewing on a Rescue Unit?	Rescue Operator
Rescue	'Full' Rescue licence held for more than 1 year and more than 10 days crewing on a Rescue Unit?	Rescue Technician
Rescue	Qualify for a 'Rescue Technician' licence grade? By application to Motorsport UK, granted based on experience and knowledge	Rescue Crew Chief
Rescue Trainer	Will continue as a Rescue Trainer for 2025	Rescue Trainer
Rescue Assessor	Will continue as a Rescue Assessor for 2025	Rescue Assessor

Once the new licence is issued, there will be a 36-month period in which the relevant capabilities for each role within the capability matrix must be complied with.

