

# Rescue Pathway 2026 – Useful Information

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# 1. How does the Development Pathway work?

Our Development Pathway is like a roadmap for learning—it's a structured sequence of knowledge and skill-building experiences designed to help you reach the standard needed to qualify as a Motorsport UK licensed Operator, Technician or Crew Chief, and pathway lays out the steps to get there.

## Key features:

- You can measure clear progression: It outlines what you need to know and be able to do.
- Milestones: The pathway is broken down into small chunks allowing you to measure your progress like completing a module, passing an online quiz, or gaining hands-on experience.
- The pathway leads you to your final objective: The end goal is to succeed at a Motorsport UK Rescue Assessment event and gain a Rescue Crew Chief licence which will demonstrate your level of knowledge, understanding and proficiency.

## Why does it matter?:

- The pathway reduces confusion by showing exactly what you need to do.
- It helps you and Motorsport UK track progress and ensure consistent skill development.
- You will be able to see how far you've come and what's next.

Think of it like levelling up in a game—each stage builds on the last, and you unlock new abilities as you go.

## 2. Assessments – What you need to know?

- Assessment events are intended to confirm your knowledge and understanding when combined with your practical skills.
- The primary objective is to ensure that you can operate safely and efficiently as the leader of a Rescue Crew.
- Each assessment scenario will have two Assessors, one Medical and one Rescue.
- Rescue assessments are standardised. There is a suite of scenarios that the Assessor can pre-select from. 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, this allows for an extended period of observation of candidates as well as permitting re-evaluation of topics that may not have gone well.
- The standard assessment scoring sheet is available to view.
- There are 3 possible outcomes: Pass, Fail or Pass with identified training needs.
- Assessors will provide written feedback for unsuccessful candidates or those with an identified training need.
- There is a documented appeals process for unsuccessful candidates.
- Candidates with identified training needs will be upgraded once they can provide evidence from a Motorsport UK Rescue Trainer that they have received the appropriate training and demonstrated understanding or competence.

## 2. Assessments – What you need to know?

- Must hold a Motorsport UK Rescue Technician licence.
- Complete the Motorsport UK Rescue Competency Framework for Crew Chiefs.
- Complete 8 hours of Continuing Professional Development in each 12 month period, outside of Rescue training days. These can be Motorsport UK or other accredited seminars or webinars or appropriate external training approved in advance by the Motorsport UK Training Department, in consultation with the RRWG.
- A minimum of 12 months post the date of their initial licensing as a Rescue Technician
- 10 event days as a member of the Rescue and Medical team and have these recorded in their Motorsport UK Rescue Training Record and signed off appropriately. Four event days acting as Rescue Crew Chief with a licensed Rescue Crew Chief as a Mentor
- Should comply with the Rescue Crew Fitness guidelines.
- Recommended to hold an appropriate Motorsport UK recognised first aid or pre-hospital qualification.
- Collect 2 signatures for attendance at Motorsport UK accredited training days, at least one of which must be from a Motorsport UK Rescue Trainer.

**Once the above are completed, be nominated, by a Crew Chief, as ready for a Technician Assessment.**

All Motorsport UK Rescue licence holders must meet the maintenance criteria and undertake and pass a Rescue reassessment within every thirty-six-month period to retain their Licence grade.

## 2. Assessments – What you need to know?

This outlines the procedure for making an appeal to Motorsport UK and describes how it will be dealt with.

Appeals can be made by:

- Rescue or Recovery Learners
- Rescue or Recovery Assessment Candidates
- Rescue or Recovery Trainers
- Rescue or Recovery Assessors
- Rescue or Recovery Crew Chiefs

Learners, Assessment Candidates or Crew Chiefs must initially make their appeal to the relevant Trainer or Assessor. Motorsport UK will only consider an appeal after the Trainer or Assessor has had the opportunity to resolve the appeal.

## 2. Assessments – What you need to know?

Appeals can be made about training, an assessment or any other decision made by a Motorsport UK Rescue or Recovery Trainer or Assessor, including:

- Quality or results of assessments
- Decisions made regarding reasonable adjustments or special considerations
- Administration errors
- Reversal of assessment results following a monitoring visit by a Motorsport UK nominated verifier

Learners or Assessment Candidates have the right to appeal against assessment decisions if they think:

- The Assessor has made the wrong assessment decision
- There has been an error in recording a result

If a Learner or Assessment Candidate is not satisfied with the outcome of the appeal process, they can appeal to Motorsport UK.

Only people who have appropriate competence and no personal interest in the decision being appealed will make appeal decisions. These people will include Motorsport UK staff and selected Subject Matter Experts.

Motorsport UK Appeals decisions will be final and binding.

# 3. Recognition of Prior Learning

One feature of the Rescue and Recovery pathways is the formal recognition of acquired rights.

For applicants with statutory emergency services experience, application can be made to the Motorsport UK Safety Team for recognition of prior learning which will reduce the need to complete all aspects of the competency framework prior to assessment for an appropriate licence grade.

This policy applies to Motorsport UK Rescue and Recovery licence applicants when applying for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). It provides a definition of RPL and information on the process.

## Definition

We define RPL as the:

- a. Identification by Motorsport UK of any learning undertaken and/or attainment by a learner which is relevant to the knowledge, skills and understanding which will be assessed as part of that Motorsport UK licence requirement, and
- b. Recognition by Motorsport UK of that learning and/or attainment through amendment to the requirements which a learner must have satisfied before the learner will be assessed or that licence grade will be awarded.

# 3. Recognition of Prior Learning

Motorsport UK will consider RPL where a learner has provided valid, authentic, reliable, current and sufficient evidence of prior learning/attainment.

## Examples include:

Learners who have achieved:

- Qualifications or competencies already gained (from a previous qualification) that also appear in the requirements for the licence grade they are seeking, so long as they are deemed current. This could consequently validate a reduction in learning hours or a change of assessment strategy.
- Learning outcomes and/or assessment criteria that have been mapped as equivalent to those a learner is working towards, so long as they are deemed current. This could consequently validate a reduction in learning hours and/or a change of assessment strategy.
- Demonstrable prior knowledge, skills and/or experience through for example, experience, unregulated training or Continuous Professional Development (CPD) could be used to reduce the required learning hours and/or a change of assessment strategy.

Trainers and Assessors and who have:

- Demonstrable equivalent knowledge and skills to those required for approval status, so long as they are deemed current, could be used to gain approval to deliver and/or assess Motorsport UK Rescue or Recovery learners. This does not negate the requirement to hold the required Motorsport UK trainer's qualification.

# 3. Recognition of Prior Learning

Evidence submitted as consideration for RPL may include, for example, qualification/unit certificates, training records, work products, witness testimonies, recorded CPD evidence and/or a portfolio of experience-based learning.

Learners can submit RPL evidence to Motorsport UK for consideration. RPL evidence should be comprehensive, assessed by a suitably qualified person and submitted to Motorsport UK in an electronic format for approval.

## Process

- The evidence submitted will be assessed and mapped against the capability matrix, assessment criteria and indicative content for the licence grade which the learner has requested.
- Decisions will be made with respect to the reduction of learning hours or a change to the assessment strategy
- Learners will be informed of the outcome within 30 days of receipt of the evidence by Motorsport UK.
- Evidence will be made available to the Motorsport UK Rescue and Recovery Sub Committee for review where appropriate.

# 4. Fitness Guidelines

Motorsport Rescue crew members should have a basic level of operational fitness, the expected criteria are defined here. When you sign on for a Motorsport UK event, you confirm that you are physically fit for your duty. These criteria are an indication of the level of fitness that you should be able to 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 Rescue crew members should be immunised against tetanus and hepatitis-B.

# 5. The Competency Framework

The competency framework is like a blueprint; it defines the skills and knowledge that you will need to be a Motorsport UK Rescue Crew Chief. It's not a checklist that you need to fill in; it's a tool that allows you to track your progress against your training goals.

It is made up of the following:

- Core competencies – these are universal skills expected of all Rescue crew members.
- Functional competencies - Role-specific skills and knowledge. These competencies will require different achievement levels for each licence grade.
- Leadership competencies - Knowledge and abilities needed to lead, motivate, and manage others.

Why does it matter:

- Clarity - Everyone knows what's expected and how to develop.
- Consistency - Training, and assessments are based on clear standards.
- Development – Make sure that everyone knows what they need to do in order to move through the Rescue licence grades.
- Alignment - Ensures individual efforts align with Motorsport UK values and strategy.

It's like giving everyone the same map so they can navigate toward success—whether you're just starting out or aiming to upgrade.

# 6. Framework Description

## Capability levels:

- Blank = No requirement
- A = Awareness - Need to know that the subject exists and that information or training is available and how to access it.
- K = Knowledge - Understanding of the subject at a basic level.
- C = Competent - Demonstrates a complete understanding of the subject and can fully perform all required tasks with minimal supervision.
- P = Proficient - Demonstrates a detailed understanding of the subject and can fully perform all required tasks with no supervision
- R = Required - Mandatory competence or qualification

## Capability categories:

1. Command and Control
2. Medical
3. Motorsport UK
4. Operations
5. Rescue
6. Safety
7. Technical