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DofE Gold Business
Award 2022

Frequently Asked
Questions (FAQs)

Enrolment

How do I apply to do the DofE Gold Award?

The online application form can be found on the DofE Gold Business Award website amey.co.uk/dofe. If you cannot complete this online, please contact sarah.hale@amey.co.uk who can email you a paper version

When can I apply for the DofE Gold Award?

The application window for enrolment is open from 9th May – 24th June 2022. Make sure you get your application in before the deadline or you'll unfortunately have to wait until next year to enrol.

Who is eligible to do the DofE Gold Award?

You must be under the age of 23 years old and are not already a DofE Gold Award holder.

Do I have to do the DofE Gold Award?

No, the DofE Gold Award is optional to all eligible young Amey employees

Modules

Do I have to do all five modules of the DofE Gold Award?

Yes, you will be required to complete all five modules within the 18-month timeframe before you can achieve your DofE Gold Award.

Will I have to arrange all the modules myself?

No, the Residential and the Expedition Modules will be arranged for you and dates can be found within the application form. For the Business Skills and Volunteering Module – you will receive help and guidance at your Residential.

Will I be given time off work to complete the modules?

The Residential, Expeditions, Business Skills and potentially the Volunteering module will all take place during work time and you should not take annual leave for these days.

The Physical module is to be undertaken in your own time.

I'm not very sporty. What should I do?

You have not found the right sport yet! Yoga, horse-riding, scuba diving, dancing and golf are alternative sports you can complete. If you're still struggling to decide, there are lots of ideas on dofe.info/physical

I already go to the gym; does this mean I have to do extra?

Not at all; if you already take part in a physical activity, that's absolutely fine. All you need to do is set yourself a specific goal or why not take up the opportunity to try something new?

I've never camped before - will I be able to complete my DofE?

Yes. You will be trained by experts to be completely self-sufficient during your expeditions.

Will I have to buy all my expedition kit?

No - the only piece of kit you will need to buy is a good pair of hiking boots. All other kit will be provided by our expedition provider. I'd recommend buying your boots ASAP as you'll need to wear them in before your expeditions to avoid getting blisters!

Events

How will I get to venues for DofE Events?

Please speak to your People Manager when travel is required.

What if I can't attend all the dates due to annual leave/College?

In order to successfully complete the DofE Gold Award you will need to attend all the events arranged. Please check the dates carefully and if you cannot make the scheduled dates you may have to defer until next year.

General information

Where can I find more information about the DofE Gold Award?

Please visit the DofE Gold Business Award website amey.co.uk/dofe or alternatively, general information can be found on dofe.org

What will I gain from doing the DofE Gold Award?

A variety of essential skills which will promote your personal development and career opportunities within Amey. You will also be invited to either St James' Palace in London or Holyrood House in Scotland to attend your Gold Award Presentation.

Will I get any support to complete the DofE Gold Award?

- You will receive support from your People Manager who is required to endorse your application
- You will also receive support from Sarah Hale (Social Value Manager, Amey), who will work closely with the DofE to ensure you are fully supported throughout the programme
- You will also have the support of an Amey DofE Champion (someone who has already achieved their Gold Award for that 1-2-1 support)

I have another question about the DofE Gold Award. Who can I contact?

Please send all queries/concerns to sarah.hale@amey.co.uk