



Mckinlay Mountaineering is an approved Mountain Training provider enabling us to deliver their industry standard awards. This allows us to provide training and assessment for the Mountain Leader, Rock Climbing Instructor, Climbing Wall Instructor and Climbing Wall Development Instructor. We now are the largest provider of Mountain Training awards in the North of England delivering 55 courses in 2022 alone.

CLIMBING WALL DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR ASSESSMENT

The Climbing Wall Development Instructor is for experienced instructors wishing to teach advanced indoor climbing techniques, including lead climbing on indoor or outdoor artificial climbing walls and structures with fixed protection. As such it is seen as an invaluable qualification for those wishing to work in the outdoors industry and with outdoor centres, school groups and the voluntary sector.

The scheme is also a vital tool for climbers wanting to review their personal skills, allowing them to expand their knowledge of current best practise.

Pre-requisites for the assessment course

Before you come on an assessment course you must:

- You must have attended a Climbing Wall Development Instructor (or Climbing Wall Leading Award) training course or have been granted exemption from training.
- You must be familiar with the syllabus.
- You must have logged a minimum of 100 different lead climbs, at least half of which must be a grade of French 6a or above at 3 different major climbing walls.
- You must have assisted or observed at least 5 teaching leading sessions delivered by a suitably qualified person. These 5 sessions must have personal reflective comments recorded on DLOG.
- You must have physically attended and completed (i.e. not online) a first aid course which involved at least one full day or eight hours of instruction and an element of assessment.

Please note that you will need to have completed your logbook (preferably DLOG). This is an assessment requirement.

Price:

- £115.00 scheme assessment
- Bespoke courses are worked out on an individual basis

Payment:

Payment is made via the website. Please note the full amount is payable immediately. Alternatively payment can be made by cheque or bank transfer: Payee Mckinlay Mountaineering.

Account number: 29548861 Sort code: 601239. We will contact you as soon as payment has been made.

You will need:

Clothing for an indoor climbing wall: warm clothing, harness and rock boots and a "single" climbing rope suitable for lead climbing.

Please bring a packed lunch and be prepared to buy a meal before the evening session or bring additional food.

Some people find a camera useful for taking photos of belay systems.

Entrance fee to Climbing Wall

All items are brought with the knowledge that Mckinlay Mountaineering takes no responsibility for the loss or damage of these items. These are the sole responsibility of the candidate.

Assessment Itinerary

10.00am start	Meet at awesome Walls Sheffield Lead climbing at 6a Teaching lead climbing to a novice group
Afternoon Course finish 5.00	Planning a safe lead climbing course Clipping Common problems Lead climbing, holding falls and lead falling

Please arrive at Awesome Walls, Sheffield at 10.00am

The course will start promptly.

Recommended Reading:

Please refer to your Climbing Wall Development Instructor handbook for details of the syllabus and remit of the qualification. This can be downloaded from the Mountain Training website:

[Climbing Wall Development Instructor Handbook](#)

Please also refer to the below titles for further reading:

[Rock Climbing by Libby Peter, the official handbook for Mountain Training's climbing schemes](#)

[Climbing Wall Development Instructor scheme page and skills checklist](#)

Transport and Accommodation:

Transport and accommodation is not included.

Potential outcomes of assessment

Following the assessment the course director will complete a course report on CMS which will record one of three possible results:

Pass: Awarded where the candidate has demonstrated appropriate knowledge and application of the course syllabus, and has shown the necessary experience and attributes of a Climbing Wall Development Instructor.

Defer: Awarded where the candidate has generally performed well and has shown the necessary experience and attributes, but where complete proficiency has not been attained in certain aspects of the syllabus or where a lack of experience has been identified.

Fail: Awarded where the candidate's performance has been generally weak, or the necessary experience and attributes have not been shown. A complete assessment course will need to be subsequently attended.

When a candidate's performance merits a defer or fail result the candidate will have a formal written report containing individualised feedback. All relevant information will be included to support the deferred/failed candidate and the assessor who conducts the reassessment.