



**SCOTTISH  
ROWING**

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### **Scottish Rowing Coach Education Subsidy**

As part of Scottish Rowing's strategic commitment to *Grow Our Sport*, we continue to invest in our clubs to increase both the quality and quantity of coaches, from grassroots participation through to high performance.

To ensure that individuals participating in our sport reflect the diversity of communities across Scotland, we are committed to removing as many barriers as possible. This includes enabling coaches from a wide range of backgrounds to access opportunities to upskill and develop.

Through our key partner, **sportscotland**, we have secured £7,000 of targeted investment to establish a **Coach Education Subsidy Fund**. This fund has been designed to support members of the Scottish Rowing community to access formal coaching qualifications, regardless of their financial situation or background.

Eligible individuals across Scotland can apply for up to **80% of qualification costs** for the following courses:

- British Rowing Assistant Coach Training (ACT)
- British Rowing Coach

Further details about these courses can be found here: [Coaching Training and Qualifications](#).

As part of this initiative, Scottish Rowing will also work to increase the number of course delivery venues across Scotland. This will help reduce travel-related costs for participants and increase our overall capacity to deliver coaching courses nationwide.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Scottish Rowing wants this funding to have the greatest possible impact. The subsidy is therefore open to both existing coaches and people who are just beginning their coaching journey. To be eligible, applicants must be a current member of Scottish Rowing and meet **at least one** of the criteria below.

#### **Female Coaches**

- Any female who is a member of an affiliated Scottish Rowing club

#### **Young Leaders**

- Coaches aged 16–25 at the time of application
- This category aims to encourage more young people into coaching and club leadership roles

#### **Coaches with a Disability**

- Individuals with an eligible British Rowing Para Classification
- Individuals eligible for classification but not yet formally classified (see: [Adaptive Rowing Classification – British Rowing](#))

- Coaches who will increase delivery capacity for targeted disability participation programmes

### **Coaches from Areas of Deprivation**

- Individuals living within the lowest 20% of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)
- Individuals affiliated with clubs located within the lowest 20% of the SIMD
- Further information: [What is SIMD and am I eligible?](#)

### **Application Types**

#### **Individual Applications**

- Any Scottish Rowing member may apply for a Coach Education Subsidy, provided they meet the eligibility criteria
- Applications may be submitted either by the individual or on their behalf by their club

#### **Group Applications**

- Affiliated Scottish Rowing clubs may submit group applications for multiple coaches
- All individuals included within the application must meet at least one of the eligibility criteria

### **Assessment and Allocation**

Each application will be assessed on its own merit and be accepted or rejected. In the event that application demand exceeds the available funding, Scottish Rowing reserves the right to:

- Decline applications where the anticipated impact on club or community is limited
- Reduce the percentage of subsidy awarded per individual to maximise the number of beneficiaries
- Request additional information and supporting evidence to assess the potential impact of the application
- All funding will be allocated deemed on its merits and its impact to the Scottish Rowing Community. No additional funds will be added at this time.