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## United Kingdom Snowsports Coach Award Scheme

The status of the National Coaching Scheme's instructing, coaching and leading qualifications has been the subject of considerable discussion recently.

Snowsport Wales are pleased to announce that a way forward has been agreed for our existing and potential members that will ensure all their needs are met whether on snow or artificial slopes, beginners or high performance athletes, schools or clubs!

Snowsport England, Scotland and Wales are collaborating to develop one UK wide coaching pathway in line with the recommendations laid down by the guidelines of the UK Coaching Certificate. The guiding principle of the new scheme is that it meets the needs of its users and whatever the level, the individual qualifications are fit for purpose. Once launched, each home nation will organise its own catalogue and timetable of courses, the qualifications will be badged as the UK award, a UK calendar of training & development opportunities will be published and made available to everyone involved in Snowsports within the UK. As previously, if it is the aim of an individual to earn a living by becoming a professional ski instructor, the BASI qualification remains the preferred option.

This new set of qualifications will be launched in May 2008. We will run the existing awards through till next May.

Although we will be working hard on our new pathway, there is still demand for training courses and examinations in the meantime so it is our intention to schedule a number of our original courses including ASL, APC, ASSI and ASBI.

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