

STGA Blue Badge Training

Key Dates and Fees for 2022-2024 Course

Recruitment Process – Key Dates

Stage 1 Tuesday 12th October at 7:30 pm and Wednesday 13th October at 10 am
Wednesday 1st December at 7:00 pm

Online information meetings for those interested in the course.

Application forms will be available on our website following these meetings.

Deadline for submission of applications is [Tuesday 4th January 2022](#)

You will be informed by Friday 21st January 2022 if your application has been successful. If so, you will be invited to one of two Recruitment Days.

Stage 2 [Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th January 2022](#) (you will be able to choose which day)

Recruitment Days – Each applicant will deliver a pre-prepared presentation (without the use of notes), complete some written tasks and take part in small-group discussions on different aspects of being a tourist guide. The recruitment team, all experienced guides, will observe how you interact with others and demonstrate your interest in and knowledge of guiding, and will score the presentation and written tasks.

You will be notified within a week if you are being invited to an interview.

Stage 3 [Weekdays 14th to 25th February 2022](#)

Online focussed interviews – You will be able to choose a day and time slot for an online interview. The interviewers will want to find out more about your motivation for becoming a Blue Badge guide. You may also be asked questions about your ability to manage the course, language skills, ability to travel for core knowledge sessions/field trips, any previous guiding experience you may have, and any special arrangements you may require.

Stage 4 [early to mid-March 2022](#)

Offers of places – if you are offered a place on the course, you will have **a few days** in which to accept it before it is offered to someone else. The class of 2022-2024 should be confirmed by the end of March 2022.

Course Dates

End August 2022 to End February 2024. (Exams March to April 2024).

Mid to End August 2022 - Registration at City of Glasgow College and Course induction.

September 2022 to June 2023 - Core Knowledge sessions will be streamed from 6 pm on Wednesday evenings. The content will be available online for some time after the initial streaming, but the Wednesday evenings are the only opportunity to interact with the lecturer to seek clarification, pose questions, and contribute to discussion.

September 2022 to February 2024 - Regional Studies and Professional Skills training will be delivered through

classroom/online sessions, field trips and coach tours. These sessions and related assessments will take place largely on Saturdays and Sundays, 1 or 2 weekends per month, possibly more towards the end of the course.

Weekday attendance is required during Saturday 15th to Wednesday 19th October 2022 (overnight stays likely) and Saturday 22nd to Thursday 27th July 2023 (with overnight stays), when course activities will take place in different parts of the country. Other weekday training may occur but plenty of notice will be given.

February/March 2024 - Preparation for the Blue Badge accreditation exam will take place on Saturdays and Sundays.

Progress interviews will be held at least twice during the Course.

Most of the sessions that require attendance will take place in Central Scotland although other locations may be used from time to time.

A **provisional calendar** for the 2022-2024 course will be published on the website in mid-January 2022.

Course Fees

Course and other costs.

The fee for the 2022-2024 Blue Badge Course is likely to be in the region of £7,200 to £7,500 based on 36 students. We are awaiting confirmation of prices from suppliers and the actual fee will be confirmed as soon as possible.

The first payment of 10% is required on accepting a place and to secure your place on the course. The first payment will be due by **20th April 2022**. The balance must be paid in full by **15th July 2022**.

As the course is completely self-funding and the cost is kept as low as possible, we regret there can be no refunds if a student withdraws from the course or part of it, for non-use of services provided, or if a student is required to leave the course on the basis of misconduct or repeated failure to complete work to a satisfactory standard.

The STGA reserves the right to cancel the course and refund all fees paid, or to offer the course at a higher fee, if there are insufficient enrolments. If a student requires to leave the course, they must inform the Course Director in writing.

The course fee includes teaching and training on all timetabled dates; training materials, scheduled assessments, access to the Student Online Forum and to the City of Glasgow College streamed core knowledge sessions, as well as student membership of the STGA. The course fee **does not include overnight accommodation** as required throughout the course and exam period.

Additional costs include most examination resits, books, travel to/from venues, overnight stays, meals and snacks.

There is a separate fee for the STGA Accreditation exam and for any additional exams in languages other than English.