

STGA Blue Badge Training Key Dates and Fees 2023-2025 Course

Selection Process – Key Dates

Stage 1	
18 November 2022	Application form goes live on the STGA website
Late November 2022	Online meetings to answer questions about the course – the dates and details will be circulated to interested parties by email.
17 December 2022	Deadline for submission of applications
6 January 2023	Results of applications review issued; successful candidates invited to stage 2
	Details of a central Scotland venue and times will be included
	Candidates have 3 weeks to prepare a 3-minute individual presentation on an aspect of Scotland that would be of interest to visitors.
Stage 2	
28/29 January 2023	Selection days – applicants will attend one of the two days
10 February 2023	Successful applicants invited to stage 3
Stage 3	
20-28 February 2023	Individual interviews, probably online to avoid travel time and costs and enable wider participation
Stage 4	
13 March 2023	Offers of places to successful applicants
31 March 2023	Blue Badge class of 2023-25 confirmed
Payments	
3 April 2023	Deposit invoices issued
17 April 2023	Deposits due to be paid
16 June 2023	Final invoices issued
14 July 2023	Final payment due

Course Dates

[End of August 2023 to End February 2025. \(Exams March – April 2025\).](#)

Mid to End August 2023 - Registration at City of Glasgow College and Course induction.

September 2023 to June 2024 - Core Knowledge sessions will be streamed from 6pm 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 2023 to February 2025 – Regional Studies and Professional Skills training will be delivered through classroom/online sessions, fieldtrips, 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.

To allow course activities to take place around the country there will be two periods where some weekday attendance and some overnight stays will be required in addition to the weekends. The first of these will be in the second or third week of October 2023 and the second will be in the third or fourth week of July 2024. Should other weekday training be required plenty of notice will be given.

February/March 2025 - 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 2023-2025 course will be published on the website in mid-January 2023.

Course Fees

The fee for the 2023-2025 Blue Badge Course is likely to be in the region of £7,500 to £7,850 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 Monday 17 April 2023. The balance must be paid in full by Friday 14 July 2023.

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 based on misconduct or repeated failure to complete work to a satisfactory standard. If a student requires to leave the course, they must inform the Course Director in writing.

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.

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.