

COMMUNICATOR BADGE



How to earn your badge...

Choose **one** of the following options.

1. Radio communication

You automatically gain this activity badge if you already hold, or go for, any of these qualifications:

- Radio Amateur Licence (Foundation, Intermediate or Full).

If not, complete all of these:

- Learn the regulations governing the use of amateur radio equipment.
- Visit an amateur radio station.
- Log 25 different amateur radio stations. Note the date, time, call sign, frequency, readability and location. You may include some broadcast stations.
- Show how to tune a simple communications receiver.
- Give an example of a typical greetings message.
- Explain in simple terms how radio waves travel around the world.
Learn the more commonly used HF and VHF amateur frequency bands.
- Learn the phonetic alphabet and define at least eight international Q code signals.
- Show that you can recognise call signs from the UK and near continent.

2. Communication codes

- Send and receive a short message by Morse code or semaphore at a rate of five words per minute.
- Show that you know the proper procedure for sending and receiving a message.
- Learn the international phonetic alphabet and define at least eight international Q code signals.
- Construct a simple Morse code oscillator and send a short message.

3. Mobile and internet communication

- Show you know how to use your mobile safely and how to keep it safe.
- Learn the meaning of these terms: SMS, MMS, 3G, 4G, WAP and Bluetooth.
- Send a creative text, multimedia or video message to invite a friend to a Scouts event.
- Manage a mobile phone address book and set up groups of contacts.
- Show you can text accurately at a rate of 50 characters per minute.
- Show you know the meaning of some popular chat abbreviations.
- Share photos and videos of a Scouting activity you've been involved with, using available technology.
- Manage an email address book and set up groups of contacts.

4. Foreign languages

Complete these tasks in any foreign language:

- Carry on a simple conversation for about 10 minutes.
- Act as an interpreter for a visitor who does not speak your native language.
- Write a letter of around 150 words.

- d) After a few minutes of study, translate a paragraph of basic text.
- e) Communicate with a person who does not speak your native language.

5. Translator

Complete these tasks in braille or a recognised sign language, such as BSL:

- a) Carry out a simple conversation for about 10 minutes.
- b) Use sign language to describe a Scouting experience to another person.
- c) Act as a translator for a short conversation between a sign language user and someone with no sign language experience.
- d) Invite a sign language user to talk to your Troop about what it's like to have impaired hearing or speech.

Help by translating for them during their visit.