



About the Association of Mountaineering Instructors

The Association of Mountaineering Instructors (AMI) is the representative body for professionally qualified Mountaineering and Climbing Instructors in the UK and Ireland.

AMI was formed in 1990 to represent the interests of the highly experienced mountaineers who have undergone rigorous training and assessment to qualify under the Mountain Training UK and Ireland Mountaineering and Climbing Instructor Scheme.



All full Members of the Association are qualified Mountaineering and Climbing Instructors or Winter Mountaineering and Climbing Instructors.

Trainee Membership is open to those who have completed their Mountaineering and Climbing Instructor Award training course.



AMI Structure and Organisation

The Association is managed and developed by members who have volunteered and are part of the Committee. The Committee is made up of:

Trustees

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Charity Representative
- Professional Standards Representative

Other Committee Members

- AMI Development Officer
- Communications Rep
- Events Representative
- Continuous Professional Development Representative
- Operations and Trainee Workshop Representative
- Trainee and Marketing Representative
- Insurance Representative
- Gear Deals Representative



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The Association has representation on, and provides input to, many other mountaineering related bodies, including:

- Mountain Training United Kingdom and Ireland
- Mountain Training - England, Scotland, Cymru and Ireland
- The 3 National Outdoor Centres – Glenmore Lodge, Plas y Brenin and Tollymore
- The British Mountaineering Council
- Mountaineering Scotland
- Mountaineering Ireland

And we have a close working relationship with the British Association of International Mountain Leaders, British Mountain Guides and the Mountain Training Association

Trainee Free Membership

Trainees are offered free Membership for the rest for a year after completing their Mountaineering and Climbing Instructor award training.

Membership renewals are on 1st July each year.

If your course is in the spring/summer leading up to this renewal date you'll be offered 12 months membership from 1st July that year.

If your course is after 1st July you'll be offered membership for the rest of that membership year to the following 1st July.

Keep an eye open for the 'invitation to join' email so we can welcome you to AMI!



Trainee Membership Benefits

- Invaluable support , representation and access to the AMI community
- Trainee mentoring scheme
- Specific workshop programme for Trainee Members to support their journey to MCI Assessment
- Access to a competitive and comprehensive insurance package



- Brand partnerships (Rab, Lowe Alpine, DMM) and many other discount deals
- Active and informative social media groups for advice, updates and work
- Regional CPD workshops and groups and dedicated Regional Reps
- Welfare support and fund for Members in hardship
- Mountaineering Council Membership

On passing their Mountaineering and Climbing Instructor award assessment, Trainee Members are offered a free upgrade to Full Membership for the rest of that Membership year



Full Membership Benefits

Trainee Membership benefits, plus:

- Representation of Members' interests to national organisations
- Trainee mentoring scheme
- The Professional Mountaineer Magazine - quarterly
- Regional CPD workshops and groups





- AMI Badge and Logo use for Full Members
- Professional Standards and access to the Code of Professional Practice for positive professional practice
- Access to marketing/promotional material such as the AMI promotional video
- <https://vimeo.com/314194740>
- Access to funding for charitable work undertaken by Members

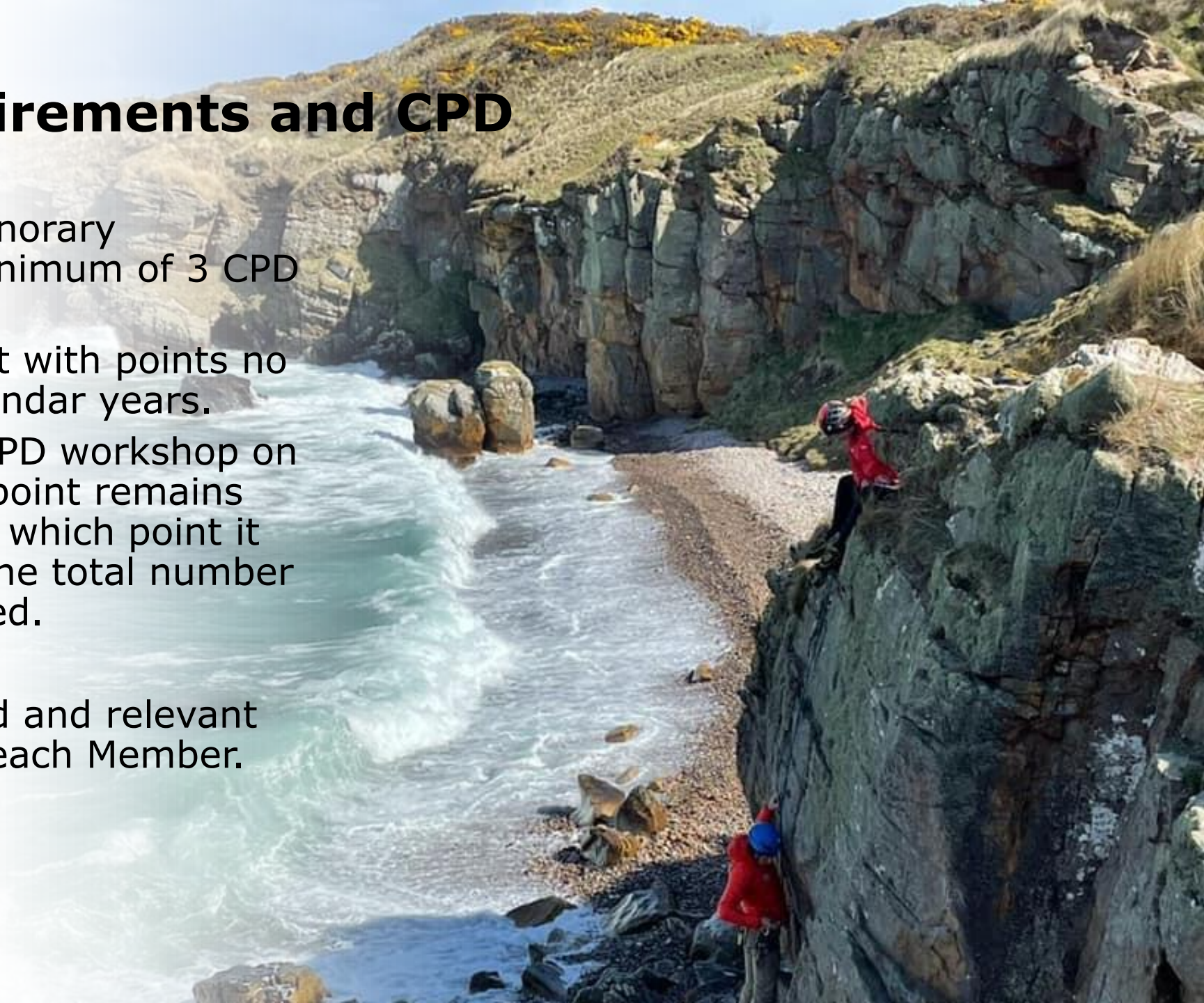
Membership Requirements and CPD

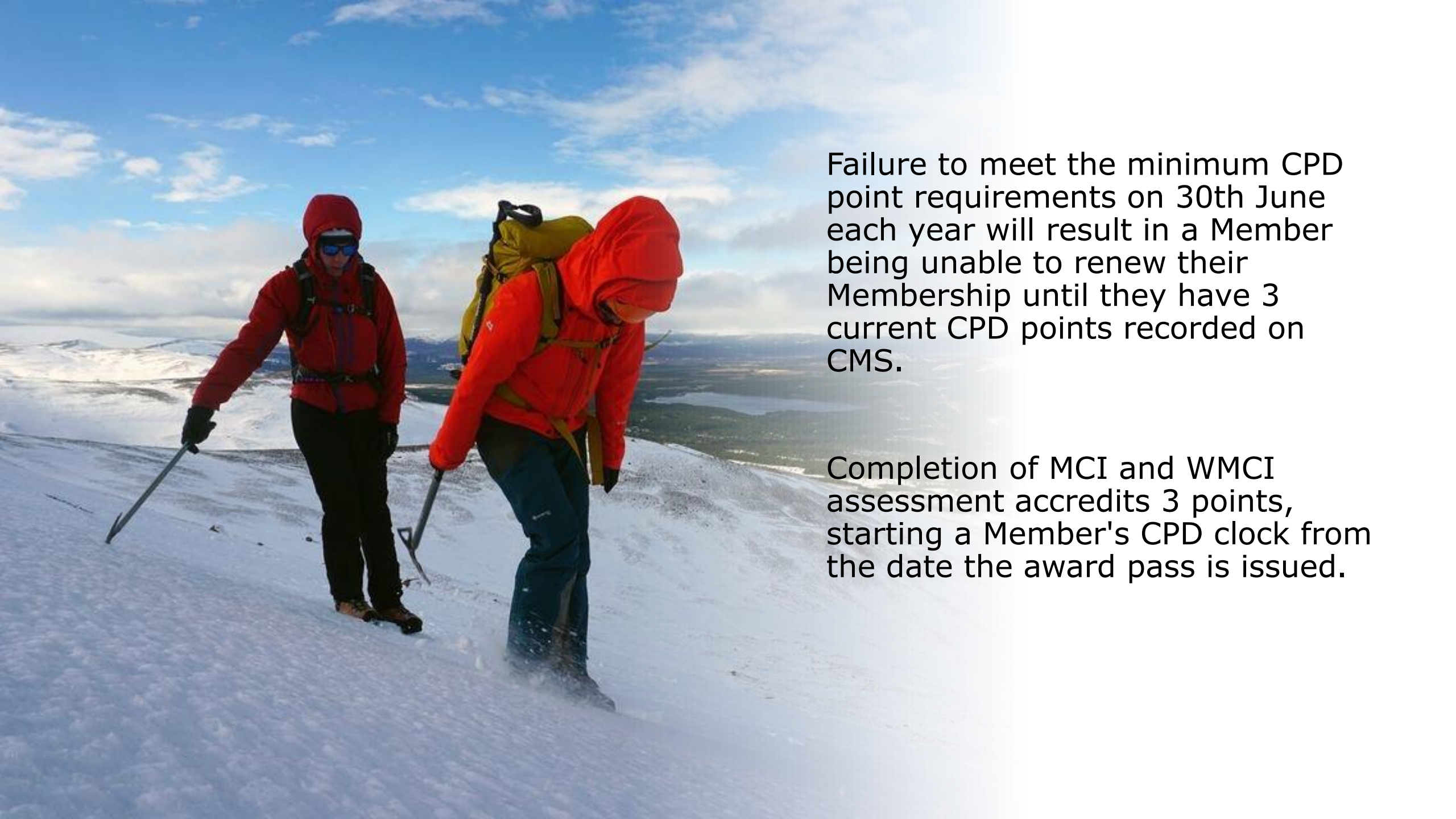
Every Full Member (and Honorary Members) must attain a minimum of 3 CPD points over 3 years.

This is a rolling requirement with points no longer counting after 3 calendar years.

Eg: Jane Smith attends a CPD workshop on 1st June 2020. This single point remains valid until 1st June 2023 at which point it becomes discounted from the total number of CPD points she has gained.

CPD points should be varied and relevant to the work carried out by each Member.





Failure to meet the minimum CPD point requirements on 30th June each year will result in a Member being unable to renew their Membership until they have 3 current CPD points recorded on CMS.

Completion of MCI and WMCI assessment accredits 3 points, starting a Member's CPD clock from the date the award pass is issued.

Key Points of Contact

AMI has voluntary regional representatives in most of the regions of the UK.

These representatives are normally the first point of contact for Members' questions about CPD and our community of practice.

The representatives contact details can be found here:

<https://www.mountain-training.org/membership/ami/useful-information/working-for-ami>





The Regions are:

- **Lakes and North West**
- **Peak District**
- **Scotland**
- **North Wales**
- **Ireland**
- **North East**
- **South West**
- **South Wales**

AMI's Key Points of Contact

- **Insurance Representative**
- insurance@ami.org.uk
- For questions about the insurance package that AMI manages for its Members

- **CPD Representative**
- cpd@ami.org.uk
- For questions about CPD that your Regional Rep cannot help you with

- **Charity Representative**
- Charity@ami.org.uk
- For any charitable undertaking or access to the hardship grant

- **Development Officer**
- development@ami.org.uk
- For other questions about the Association!



Full List of AMI Contact Details

- Chair – chair@ami.org.uk
- Secretary – secretary@ami.org.uk
- Treasurer – treasurer@ami.org.uk
- Charity Representative – Charity@ami.org.uk
- Professional Standards Rep – professional.standards@ami.org.uk
- Development Officer – development@ami.org.uk
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There are also a host of other volunteers who are not part of the committee who volunteer their time - information can be found here <https://www.mountain-training.org/membership/ami/useful-information/working-for-ami>

Thanks

We look forward to welcoming you

