



# Yorkshire Dry Stone Walling Guild

## Test Specification and Application form – Advanced Waller Certificate

The Advanced Waller Certificate is the second highest qualification within the Guild

The candidate is required to strip down and re- build 3 metres of standard height wall [1.25metres] to include a feature such as wall head, lunkie, squeeze style, within a maximum 7.5 hour period (the length can be reduced to 2.5 metres if the height exceeds 1.5 metres).

It is anticipated that the examination will take place at a Guild Practice Meet, or at a previously specified site, and it must be booked in advance. The wall chosen for this part of the examination will be of an appropriate standard to present a reasonable challenge to the candidate. Other arrangements can be made but at an additional charge to reflect the additional travelling costs involved.

A prospective Advanced Waller will not only have a sound technical knowledge of the craft of building dry stone walls, including special features, but will have a sound knowledge of the theory and history of dry stone walls.

This aspect will be examined verbally by the examiner during the assessment. The candidate must also demonstrate to the examiner that he or she is aware of current health and safety legislation, including risk assessment, by producing a written Risk Assessment for the chosen site prior to starting work.

Marking will be as follows:

Task	Max Mark	Min Mark*	Guide
Stripping out	<b>10</b>	6	Safe working gap maintained. Sufficient tops identified
Foundations	<b>15</b>	9	Trench well prepared, solid base & clean edges. Large stones well set into the ground. Length into wall Good stone to stone contact. No small building stones
Building	<b>15</b>	9	Stones graded well with larger stones lower in the wall. Good stone to stone contact. No front pinning. Stones set to true horizontal. Tight faces. No tracing stones (built length inwards). No lose stones. Match existing style
Packing	<b>10</b>	6	Tight packing. No daylight. Placed into wall & in between/under stones
Line and straightness	<b>10</b>	6	No bulges or hollows.
Positioning of throughs	<b>10</b>	6	Set evenly on both sides (or in keeping with existing). Not too high in the wall for the size. Well set onto the stones below with no daylight. Even height above the ground and evenly spaced. Well packed underneath
Batter	<b>10</b>	6	Even batter all the way up the wall & on both sides. Stones stepped in, no overlapping outwards
Topstones and finish	<b>10</b>	6	Tight fitting. Good contact on both sides. Uniform depending on style. Even height. Minimal pinning. Coverband if available. No mortar

Wall feature	<b>15</b>	10	Built to spec. Follows all the other rules for building/line/batter
Safety and tidiness	<b>10</b>	6	Tidy site whilst working and when finished
	115	70	

\* Minimum marks must be achieved in all sections

NOTE: If throughs are not present or available, then the corresponding marks for that element are discarded and the adjusted minimum mark will apply.

The candidate must obtain the minimum mark in each section, and the overall total of at least 70 in order to gain certification (64 marks in the case where throughs are not available to build into the wall). The applicant will provide their own equipment and safety equipment. The applicant will be judged by 2 master wallers and their decision is final.

The fee for the examination is £105. Application for the examination must to be made via the Guild Secretary who will co-ordinate all the arrangements.

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