

## **ACMG Apprentice Guide Timelines Policy Revised and Effective June 23, 2015**

### **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 Apprentice guides have not yet completed their certification.
- 1.2 In order to ensure the currency of their training, the ACMG requires all apprentice members in the Mountain Guide Stream to complete their certification within a designated period of time.
- 1.3 There is no requirement to complete the Mountain Guide certification – members may remain as certified Specialty Guides (Rock, Alpine, Ski)

### **2.0 Timeline**

- 2.1 Apprentice members must challenge the specialty guide exam within 3 years of passing the apprentice exam in each respective stream. Example: A person who passes the Apprentice Ski Guide exam in the spring of 2015 must challenge the Ski Guide exam before the end of the spring of 2018.
- 2.2 Apprentice Rock Guides may choose to challenge either the Rock Guide exam or the Apprentice Alpine Guide exam
- 2.3 Apprentice members who have not challenged the exam within the required time period will lose their membership status as an apprentice in that stream. It is possible to lose one's membership status in one stream while retaining membership status in another.
- 2.4 Apprentice members who are unsuccessful on their specialty guide exam may wait up to three years before challenging that exam again
- 2.5 Apprentice members may challenge any exam, retest or skills screening a maximum of three times. Applications for special circumstances must be made to the CMSG program at Thompson Rivers University.

### **3.0 Minimum prerequisites**

- 3.1 Apprentice members must meet minimum prerequisites set by the ACMG and TRU before challenging the next exam or training course in a given stream.
- 3.2 It is possible to challenge exams in separate streams back to back, but care should be taken to ensure there has been sufficient time as an apprentice to meet the prerequisites and adequately prepare for the exam

### **4.0 Extensions**

- 4.1 In the event of a personal emergency that prevents an apprentice member from challenging the specialty guide exam, application for an extension may be made to the ACMG Technical Committee).

### **5.0 Reinstatement from inactive or non-member status**

- 5.1 Apprentice members who are reinstating from inactive or non-member status will be assigned a date by which they must challenge their specialty guide exam by the ACMG Technical Committee
- 5.2 This date will depend on their assessed level of currency in their field

## 6.0 Policy Exception

6.1 Members who successfully completed an apprentice guide exam prior to January 1, 2012 could choose to remain as permanent apprentice guides

6.2 Members who were eligible for the policy exception were given three options:

6.2.1 Challenge the specialty guide exam in the incomplete stream(s) according to the above timeline

6.2.2 Remain an apprentice guide with the added requirement of one additional day of professional development (CPD) every two years

6.2.3 Resign from the ACMG

6.3 Those choosing to remain as apprentice guides (6.2.2) may, at any time, opt to join the regular ACMG apprentice timeline, but they may not afterwards return to permanent apprentice status

6.4 Those choosing to remain as apprentice guides (6.2.2) must pay particular attention to their scope of practice, with particular mind to supervision requirements