



ACMG

Training and Assessment Program

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Guide Training Ski - Application Package

Carefully review the information below. Ensure your application includes all required documentation in the requested formats. Incomplete or poorly structured applications will not be accepted.

COVID-19 Updates:

- **Personal Skills Resume Prerequisite:** Per the recommendations of government and health officials, applicants are strongly encouraged to refrain from accessing the backcountry until further notice. Any trips listed on applicants' personal skills resumés after March 24, 2020 will not be considered during the screening process.
- **AvSAR PSA Prerequisite:** Applicants who are unable to complete the AvSAR PSA due to COVID-19 related CAA course cancellations, must submit documentation evidencing the AvSAR course cancellation and will be required to complete the AvSAR PSA prior to attending the Apprentice Ski Guide Exam.
- **Video Submission Prerequisite:** Applicants who are unable to film a movement screening video due to the restrictions or recommendations of the COVID-19 response, must submit a letter of reference attesting that their movement skills are at the [Training and Assessment Program Ski and Snowboard Movement Standard](#) in lieu of their video.

The referee should:

- Be familiar with the applicant's movement skills
- Be familiar with the ACMG Ski and Snowboard Movement Skills Video
- Meet one of the following criteria or equivalent:
 - ACMG Ski Guide
 - CSGA Level 3
 - IFMGA Mountain Guide
 - CSIA Level 3 or higher

Required Application Elements:

[Current Skills Resume - Template](#)

Applicants must download and attach a completed copy of this template to their online application.

- Minimum of 3 years' experience backcountry skiing in a variety of snowpack regions
- 75 days in complex terrain in a leadership or co-leadership role which include:
 - Mix of day trips and hut/basecamp based trips
 - Significant experience in complex glaciated terrain
 - Minimum of 8 nights of winter camping as part of multi-day traverses
 - Trips with a ski mountaineering component
- Ski/Avalanche industry experience
- Other relevant mountain/outdoor experience
- Other relevant courses and certifications

Education and Employment Resume

Certificates

All certificates must be combined into a single document and attached to the applicant's online application.

- 80 Hour Wilderness First Aid Certificate
- CAA Operations Level 1
- CAA AvSar Advanced Skills Certificate (This must include the Practical Skills Assessment)

Ski/Snowboard Skills Video Submission

Review the [Training and Assessment Program Ski and Snowboard Movement Skills Video](#) and the [Training and Assessment Program Ski and Snowboard Movement Standard](#). All applicants are required to submit a ski/snowboard skills video that clearly demonstrates movement at the standard.

- Must be submitted as a link to an online video (YouTube or Vimeo)
- Maximum video length is 3 minutes
- Must be filmed at a ski hill
- The skier/rider must be dominant in the frame
- The skier/rider must be filmed from the front, side and back
- The skier/rider should demonstrate confident controlled skiing at speed
- The footage must include the following shots:
 - Free Run in ungroomed, black diamond terrain
 - 15-20 turns x 2 runs
 - GS run in groomed, blue or black diamond terrain
 - 15-20 GS turns x 2 runs
 - Short radius run in groomed blue or black diamond terrain
 - 15-20 short radius turns x 2 runs

OPTIONAL - Ski Skills Video Submission Pre-Screening

Applicants may choose to have their ski skills video screened prior to the June 1 application deadline, to confirm that they meet the ski skills standard.

- Pre-screening submissions can be made online through the [Ski Skills Pre-Screening Video Submission Form](#)
- The deadline to submit a pre-screening video is **Feb 15, 2020**.

Applications are committee reviewed, and enrolments determined based on the following:

- **Backcountry skiing experience in a leadership role.** This is the most heavily weighted application element. Prospective applicants are encouraged to focus their efforts on increasing their personal experience in complex terrain.

- **Ski/Avalanche industry experience**
 - Ski guiding
 - Practicum/tail guiding/apprenticeship
 - Avalanche control/forecasting
 - Ski patrol
 - Avalanche course instruction

- **Other relevant mountain or outdoor experience**
Some examples include:
 - Other guiding/instructional experience
 - Summer mountaineering
 - Technical rock/ice climbing
 - Outdoor guiding/instruction

- **Other relevant courses or certificates** **Some examples include:**
 - Other ACMG Training and Assessment Program courses
 - or exams
 - Courses or certificates from other IFMGA member associations
 - CAA certificates
 - CSGA certificates
 - Avalanche or mountain programs from educational institutions or guiding companies
 - Ski/Snowboard instructor certificates

To Apply:

- Review the required application elements to confirm you meet the requirements
- Complete the [TAP Application Form](#) online and attach the following elements:
 - [Current Skills Resume - Template](#) Applicants must use this form.
 - Education and Employment Resume
 - Copies of all certificates, compiled into a single document
 - Ski skills video submission link (YouTube or Vimeo)

Regarding Applications:

Allow yourself adequate time to create a well-structured, organized, and complete application that arrives prior to the application deadline. The quality of your application will influence your acceptance into the program.

Incomplete and poorly structured applications will not be accepted or reviewed.

Application Deadline:

Applications must be completed in full and submitted online by the application deadline. You will receive an automated response from AmpEducator confirming receipt of your application at the time of submission. Late applications will not be accepted.

Application deadlines, course dates and course fees can be viewed online at www.acmg.ca. Dates and fees are updated regularly and may change without notice.

Notification of Acceptance:

Program enrolments, waitlists and rejections will be confirmed within 6 weeks of the application deadline.

Note:

Once enrolled, if it becomes apparent that you are not at the standard indicated in your application, you will be immediately withdrawn from the program.



Joining the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides

Upon successful completion of a Training and Assessment Program apprentice or certificate exam, students may elect to join the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides, the professional association for mountain guiding and climbing instruction in Canada. The mandate of the ACMG is to protect the public interest in mountain travel and climbing instruction. As such, the association has a series of processes, codes and guidelines that help ensure that its members act professionally and within their certification limitations. This builds the trust of the public in ACMG members along with your personal credibility.

Choosing to become a member of a self-governing professional association such as the ACMG is not something to be taken lightly. It is a commitment that comes with many benefits, but also with significant responsibilities.

Please review the responsibilities and benefits [Join the ACMG](#)