

Guide Qualification Structure

Areas of responsibility



QUALIFICATION	CANDIDATE	TRAINING PROVIDER	APA
TRAINEE GUIDE	✓ APPRENTICE WITH OPERATOR		
RIVER GUIDE COURSE	✓ BOOK, PAY AND ATTEND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 DAY ON RIVER COURSE USING APA MATERIALS ✓ LETTER OF ATTENDANCE 	
ASSESSMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SWIM 400M WITH BOUYANCY AID ✓ OWN EQUIPMENT ✓ FIRST AID - MINIMUM LEVEL 1 ✓ 20 DAYS LOGGED EXPERIENCE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1 DAY ON RIVER ✓ PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT ON RIVER ✓ THEORETICAL ASSESSMENT ✓ SEND ALL PAPERWORK TO APA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3YR MEMBERSHIP (R175.00 INCL) ✓ CERTIFICATE ✓ CLOTH BADGE ✓ UPDATE TO DATABASE
RIVER GUIDE	CAN GUIDE BUT NOT LEAD TRIPS		
TRIP LEADER COURSE AND ASSESSMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 50 DAYS EXPERIENCE AFTER RIVER GUIDE QUALIFICATION ✓ FIRST AID - MINIMUM LEVEL 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 DAYS ON RIVER ✓ PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT ON RIVER ✓ THEORETICAL ASSESSMENT ✓ SEND ALL PAPERWORK TO APA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3YR MEMBERSHIP(R175.00 INCLU) ✓ CERTIFICATE ✓ CLOTH BADGE ✓ UPDATE TO DATABASE
TRIP LEADER RESTRICTED	CAN LEAD TRIPS UP TO AND INCLUDING CLASS 3		
TRIP LEADER UNRESTRICTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PORFOLIO OF EVEIDENCE: LOGED EXPERIENCE (50 DAYS ON CLASS 3 AND ABOVE, MINIMUM 5 DIFFERENT RIVERS) ✓ FIRSAID - MINIMUM LEVEL 3 ✓ SOP 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ TRAINING COMMITTEE REVIEW AND APPROVAL ✓ 3 YR MEMEBERSHIP(R175.00 INCLU) ✓ CERTIFICATE ✓ CLOTH BADGE

TRIP LEADER UNRESTRICTED

CAN LEAD TRIPS ON CLASS 3 AND ABOVE

GUIDE QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE: Areas of responsibility

3 days	River guide course (optional) This is a three day course aimed at training candidates to function as part of a guide team. APA training materials will be used and the candidate will receive a letter of attendance from the training provider	
17 days	Once the candidate received his/her training, 17 extra days needs to be logged to be eligible for a river guide assessment	To be eligible for a river guide assessment you must have a first aid level 1 qualification
1 day	River guide assessment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A written and/or oral theory assessment ✓ Practical evaluation ✓ Swim 400 metres with buoyancy aid ✓ Must have own guiding equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 year membership (R175 included) ✓ Certificate of competence ✓ Cloth badge ✓ Updated to APA website
1. RIVER GUIDE CERTIFICATE MINIMUM GUIDING QUALIFICATION Qualified to function as part of a guide team but MAY NOT LEAD		



47 days	Experience required after river guide qualification (including rivers of up to class 3)	At this level a first aid level 3 qualification (or higher) is required
Trip leader workshop and assessment		
3 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Training candidates to lead a guide team ✓ Practical and theoretical assessment ✓ Assignment to be completed prior or after ✓ Can be combined with a NQF assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 year membership (R175 included) ✓ Certificate of competence ✓ Cloth badge ✓ Updated to APA website
2. TRIP LEADER RESTRICTED QUALIFIED TO FUNCTION AS A TRIP LEADER MAY LEAD guide team on all rivers UP TO AND INCLUDING CLASS 3		



50 days	Experience required on high class (class 4 and 5) and diversity of rivers	At this level a first aid level 3 qualification (or higher) is required
Trip leader unrestricted assessment		
1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ This assessment is purely experiential ✓ Portfolio of evidence to be reviewed ✓ Standard operating procedure must be written 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 year membership (R175 included) ✓ Certificate of competence ✓ Cloth badge ✓ Updated to APA website

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TRIP LEADER UNRESTRICTED
QUALIFIED TO FUNCTION AS A TRIP LEADER
MAY LEAD guide team on all rivers **IN CHOSEN SPECIALITY**