



ACMG

Training and Assessment Program

Hello and thank you for your interest in applying to the ACMG Training and Assessment Program (TAP).

As of April 30, 2018, the ACMG will be running the program for an undetermined period. For any courses beginning May 1, 2018, please use the following pages and application packages that are appropriate for your needs. If you have any questions, feel free to direct them to us at tap@acmg.ca.

If you have previously taken a course with the Canadian Mountain and Ski Guide Program at Thompson Rivers University, it is possible that we will not have your complete file and may request an update on your resume, letters of recommendations or other info.

Best of luck as you enter the guiding or climbing instructor paths.

The TAP Team

TAP APPLICATION PACKAGE

Via Ferrata Guide



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Via Ferrata Guide Application Package

Package Contents:

1. Course Description
2. Notice of Increased Risk
3. Application Information

To Register:

- Review the application package to confirm you meet the prerequisites
- Complete the online application form: [TAP Application Form](#)

Payment and Cancellation Policy

The course fee is due once you are formally accepted and registered into the course and must be paid in full.

The following policies are strictly enforced.

1. To receive a refund, the ACMG TAP office must receive notice of cancellation by e-mail or post a minimum of 4 weeks before the course start.
2. There are no refunds of any kind if you cancel after the 4 week deadline.
3. The no refund policy includes personal injury, illness, medical reasons, family emergency etc.
4. If the TAP cancels the course, all fee payments will be returned in full.

1. Via Ferrata Guide

Via ferrata guides lead clients on climbing or exposed scrambling routes that are protected using special safety equipment.

The course will focus on safety and guiding techniques used to lead “Class A” via ferrata routes that have easy access to the start and finish. Previous via ferrata experience is not required.

Via ferrata guides work with supervision provided by organizations such as adventure companies, ski resorts or from Mountain, Alpine or Rock guides who have appropriate experience and training.

Course syllabus includes:

- History of via ferrata
- Via ferrata standards
- Via ferrata equipment, use and limitations
- Hazards
- Operational guides meeting
- Client safety briefings and equipment fitting
- Waiver delivery
- Group management
- Belays
- Rescue systems
- Interpretation

2. Notice to Participants of Professional Guide Training Courses - Increased Risk

The ACMG provides training intended to develop professional skiing, climbing, hiking, rescue, and wilderness travel guides. To train professional guides it is necessary for students to participate in activities that have higher levels of risk than what may be considered reasonable by entry-level, intermediate, novice, commercial guiding, or recreational standards. This may include, but is not limited to activities such as: lead climbing where the climber places his or her own protective equipment, travel and decision making in avalanche terrain, climbing and rescue in a multi-pitch environment, driving program vehicles, hiking in unusually rough and remote terrain, stress from examination and grading processes, making route and hazard assessment decisions on behalf of other students, unsupervised activities; and continuing with an activity when it may not be considered reasonable by entry- level, intermediate, novice, commercial guiding, or recreational standards (for example, when fatigued, in inclement weather, or in high hazard conditions).

AT THE START OF EACH COURSE or EXAM YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A LEGAL RELEASE DOCUMENT (Waiver). YOU CAN VIEW A COPY ON-LINE. WE RECOMMEND YOU SEEK LEGAL ADVICE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

3. Application Information

Prerequisites Required Before You Can Apply

- ❖ Standard First Aid certificate 16 hours
- ❖ Minimum guiding qualification (Assistant Hiking Guide, Apprentice Ski Guide, Apprentice Rock Guide) or Top Rope Climbing Instructor

To Apply You Must Submit

- ❖ Application form
- ❖ Personal resume including:
 - Related training courses
 - Climbing resume (Hiking or Ski Guides only)
 - 1 – 2 paragraphs about your background and goals related to becoming a via ferrata guide.
 - Other information you feel is pertinent
- ❖ Proof of current standard first aid certification (send a copy of certificates that shows the expiry date)
- ❖ Proof of guiding qualification (or TRCI certificate)
- ❖ A signed copy of the Waiver and Release of Liability included in this application package.

Concerning Applications

Allow yourself adequate time to create a well-structured, organized, and complete application that arrives on time. Your application plays a significant role in whether you will be accepted into the program. Poorly organized applications or unformatted resumes jeopardize your acceptance as your background, skills and qualifications may not be clear and/or may compare unfavorably to other applications. Please retain a copy of your application for your records or in case of loss.

Application Deadline

Applications must be complete and received by the office by the application closing date. Late or incomplete applications may not be accepted.

Application deadlines, course dates and fees can be viewed online at www.acmg.ca or contact the Program Office at **403.679.9181**. Dates and fees are updated regularly and may change without notice.

Notification of Acceptance

All applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection. Once accepted, the course fee becomes due immediately and must be paid in full to confirm placement.

If accepted and it becomes clear to the instructors that you are not at the standard indicated on your application, instructors have the right to remove you from further participation.