



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

Apprentice Alpine Guide



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Apprentice Alpine Guide Application Package

Package Contents:

1. Program Description
2. Notice of Increased Risk
3. Application Information
4. Sample Format Guiding/Climbing Resume
5. Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation

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. Alpine Guide Program

Alpine Guides specialize in alpine, rock and waterfall ice climbing terrain.

The goal of the Apprentice Alpine Guide exam is to certify guides to work with supervision in all types of alpine climbing terrain. A second goal is to continue the aspirant guide's learning process in applying techniques in a wide variety of conditions.

Candidates are expected to come prepared and able to demonstrate and be examined on information contained in the Technical Handbook for Professional Mountain Guides and as taught on Guide Training – Rock, the Apprentice Rock Guide exam, Guide Training – Ice, and Guide Training - Alpine; and the ITP Level 1 Avalanche course. The guiding standard requires movement up to 5.10 in rock shoes; 5.8 in mountain boots, alpine ice to 70 degrees and water ice to Grade 4 with confident and efficient movement.

Guide Training – Alpine is a pre-requisite to the Apprentice Alpine Guide Exam. Apprentice Alpine Guides must wait 1 full year and no more than 3 years before attending an Alpine Guide exam.

If you have already completed Guide Training – Alpine and are applying to the AAG Exam, proceed with the application package. If you have not attended Guide Training – Alpine, return to the ACMG web site and click on 'Guide Training – Alpine' or contact the CMSG Program office for the application package.

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

- ❖ A current Advanced (80 hr.) First Aid and CPR certificate (Wilderness First Aid is preferred; however, OFA 3 will be accepted).
- ❖ CAA Industry Training Program Level One for Avalanche Operations certificate
- ❖ Completion of Guide Training - Ice and Guide Training - Alpine with a recommendation to continue to the exam.

To Apply You Must Submit

- ❖ Application form
- ❖ Copy of your current Advanced First Aid and CPR certificate. If you will be taking your first aid course after the application deadline, attach a confirmation of registration for the first aid program you are taking – this must be complete, and confirmation received by our office (copy of certificate or letter from the first aid provider) in advance of the course date.
- ❖ Copy of your CAA Level 1 certificate
- ❖ Personal resume update
- ❖ Updated climbing skills resume. See attached format example.

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.

4. Sample Format for Alpine Skills Resume

A personal skills resume can be set up in a spreadsheet format to more conveniently list the types and styles of climbs. This will present relevant information in a concise format for the application review committee. You want to be able to show at least three years of alpine climbing experience.

Work Experience

Route <i>Name of route</i>	Difficulty <i>grade</i>	Location <i>area or range</i>	Supervising Guide	Date <i>month/year</i>
1.				
2.				
Etc.				

Personal Experience – within the last three years

Route <i>Name of route</i>	Difficulty <i>Grade</i>	Location/Area <i>area or range</i>	Belayer <i>Partner name</i>	Date <i>month/year</i>	Style (if applicable)
1.					
2.					
Etc.					

5. Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation

- A. *Please include the following in your letter:*
 - a. Your name, contact information, occupation, and position
 - b. The applicant's name
- B. *Based on your personal experience of the applicant, please include:*
 - a. Your relationship to the applicant (friend, mentor, and supervisor)?
 - b. The length of time you have known the applicant
 - c. Your impression of the applicant's general mountain skills (fitness, preparedness, technical skills, navigation, and hazard management, climbing skills)?
 - d. Your impression of the applicant's leadership and decision-making skills?
 - e. Your impression of the applicant's potential as an alpine guide?
- C. *Additional comments are welcome.*
- D. *Please sign and date your letter.*