



ACMG

Training and Assessment Program

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

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.

If you have any questions, feel free to direct them to us at tap@acmg.ca.

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

The TAP Team

TAP APPLICATION PACKAGE

Guide Training Ski



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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.

NEW for 2019 - Current Skills Resume Template, Mandatory Ski Skills Video Submission and Reference Letter Form Submission

- **Current Skills Resume Template:** Applicants are now required to use this form to document their practical experience.
- **Mandatory Ski/Snowboard Skills Video Submission:** Review the Training and Assessment Program ski/snowboard skills sample video, to ensure you are capturing the required content.
- **Reference Letter Form:** All reference letters must be submitted directly to TAP by the referee, through the online form.

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 Course
- CAA Level 1
- CAA AvSar Advanced Skills Course
 - Anyone accepted for the 2019/2020 season who hasn't completed the AvSAR - Practical Skills Assessment, will be required to complete it the day prior to GTS-Mechanized course. The CAA will conduct the Practical Skills Assessment.

[Online Reference Letter - Form](#)

All reference letters must be completed online by the referee and received prior to the application deadline.

- Maximum of two reference letters from ACMG Ski or Mountain Guides who are familiar with your background and experience. Applicants who are not affiliated with an ACMG Ski or Mountain Guide may request industry or avalanche professionals who are familiar with their experience to act as their referees.

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](#).

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)
- Request that your referee(s) complete their reference letters using the [Online Reference Letter - Form](#) prior to the application deadline.

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.acmq.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.