



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

Rock Guide



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Rock 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. Rock Guide Certificate

Rock guides specialize in climbing instruction and guiding on technical rock. This includes long, multi-pitch routes; sport climbs; and top rope climbs on terrain where no glaciation and no permanent or seasonal snow or ice exists.

Guide candidates are expected to instruct and demonstrate climbing techniques to a sub 5.11 standard. The candidate's personal "flash" standard should be at a minimum of 5.10d and their minimum "redpoint" climbing standard to 5.11a or better, either when placing gear or bolt protected "sport" climbs. Candidates demonstrate independent decisions and are expected to take full responsibility for each guiding assignment; including error correction and use of options without coaching or review by a supervising guide.

The Apprentice Rock Guide exam is a prerequisite to the Rock Guide certificate exam. Candidates must complete a 10-day apprenticeship and should attempt the RG exam with 3 years of their ARG exam.

If you have already completed the Apprentice Rock Guide Exam and are applying to the Rock Guide Exam, proceed with this application package. If you have not yet completed the Apprentice Rock Guide exam, return to the web site and click on 'Apprentice Rock Guide Exam' or contact the CMSG office for the correct 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

- ❖ You must be 19 years of age or older
- ❖ Have a current Advanced (80 hr. minimum) First Aid and CPR certificate
- ❖ Apprentice Rock Guide certificate. You would proceed to the Rock Guide Exam no less than one year after completing your Apprentice Rock Guide Certificate.
- ❖ If it has been more than 3 years since your Apprentice Rock Guide exam you may be asked to update your skills before attending the Rock Guide exam

To Apply You Must Submit

- ❖ Application form
- ❖ Copy of your current Advanced Wilderness First Aid. (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.
- ❖ Personal resume update
- ❖ Personal climbing experience update including climbs completed in the last three years as follows. See attached sample format.
 - 15 single-pitch sport routes – 5.11a or harder
 - 10 multi-pitch (>250m) rock climbs – 5.10a or harder
- ❖ Proof of work experience - 20 days minimum supervised guiding documented as follows:
 - Letter from a supervising guide OR
 - Photocopy of your guides book signed by a supervising guide OR
 - Resume of work experience signed by a supervising guide
- ❖ Letter of Recommendation from an ACMG Rock, Alpine or Mountain Guide in good standing. See guidelines below.

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 Climbing Experience 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.

Work Experience

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

Personal Experience – within the last three years

- o 15 single-pitch sport routes – 5.11a or harder
- o 10 multi-pitch (>250m) rock climbs – 5.10a or harder

Route	Difficulty	Location/Area	Belayer	Date	Style (if applicable)
<i>Name of route</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>area or range</i>	<i>Partner name</i>	<i>month/year</i>	
<i>flash/redpoint</i>					
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. What is your relationship to the applicant (friend, mentor, supervisor)?
 - b. What is your impression of the applicant's skills (fitness, preparedness, rope work, movement skills, route finding, and risk management)?
 - c. What is your impression of the applicant's professionalism and client care?
 - d. What is your impression of the applicant's leadership and decision-making skills?
 - e. What is your impression of the applicant's potential as a rock guide?
- C. *Additional comments are welcome.*
- D. *Please sign and date your letter.*