

APPLICATION FORM FOR POLAR EXPEDITION GUIDE ENDORSEMENT

First Name/s			Last Name			
Date of Birth dd/mm/yyyy				male <input type="checkbox"/>	female <input type="checkbox"/>	other _____
Nationality						
Postal Address	Street					
	City			Post Code		
	State			Country		
Email Address						
Phone, inc. country code	+			I authorise IPGA to add me to the WhatsApp Chat Group yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>		
Website						

Please complete all fields, providing as much relevant detail as possible. Application and accompanying files should, where possible, be completed in English language.

Submit a head and shoulders photograph with your application. Digital images must be named ie. James_Wellington.jpg

Attach requested documents. You may also be asked by IPGA's Assessment and Registration Committee to provide further evidence to support your application.

FEES

€25 Application Fee, payable with this application

€55 Registration Fee, plus pro rata of €10 per full calendar month until January 31.

€110 Membership Fee, payable annually after the first calendar year

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GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

You must demonstrate knowledge, experience and professionalism in polar sled-hauling expeditions and associated planning, provisioning and management. Experience must be obtained on polar ice surfaces such as icecap, ice sheet, glacier, shelf ice, sea ice, lake ice, typically adjoined by snow, and in quintessential polar regions such as greater Antarctica, Greenland, Svalbard, Nunavut and the Arctic Ocean.

While multinational experience is optimal, experience in a single region is acceptable if you can demonstrate that your skills are transferable to other polar regions. This requires you to have outstanding sled-hauling experience across various terrains and seasons within that single region.

Experience in sub-polar, severe cold or ice-field areas is assessable provided it is secondary to classic polar regions.

Broadly, you are expected to contribute to the collective knowledge and reputation of IPGA.

An application is expected to be completed with all relevant experience and certifications. The endorsement criteria within the application constitute a minimum requirement and applicants who do not exceed this minimum, or appear to overly identify with areas of guiding outside the typical IPGA Polar Expedition Guide characterisation, may be asked to submit further material including an appraisal (with supporting images) of why they consider their skills and experience to be outstanding and in the interests of IPGA.

Some guides have specialist skills such as sea ice expeditions, mountaineering, polar snowkiting and dogsledding. Successful applicants are able to add these additional details to their online profile.

What evidence do you have to support your polar guiding experience? Websites, publications, journals etc.

Additional Information, including contacts and qualifications

What evidence do you have to support your polar sled-haul expedition experience? Websites, publications, journals etc.

Additional Information, including email addresses of expedition partners (you may also add additional information on the last page)

3. Glacier Travel / Crevasse Rescue

3.1. Courses

You must have completed an approved Glacier Travel / Crevasse Rescue training course and supply evidence of your certification. [What is an approved course?](#)

Courses or qualifications

COURSE /QUALIFICATION	COMPANY, COUNTRY	LOCATION OF COURSE	DATES AND DURATION OF COURSE	TOPICS COVERED	OTHER INFORMATION ie. instructor/s, course web link	COPY OF CERTIFICATE ATTACHED
<i>EXAMPLE</i>						
<i>Technical Mountaineering Course</i>	<i>Alpine Guides, New Zealand</i>	<i>Tasman Glacier</i>	<i>June 2021, 10 days</i>	<i>roping up, glacier travel, crevasse rescue, weather, ice climbing</i>	www.alpineguides.co.nz	yes

4. First Aid Experience

You must have completed an approved Wilderness / Outdoor First Aid certificate, or equivalent, and supply evidence of your certification.

NAME OF COURSE OR TRAINING PROGRAM	COUNTRY IN WHICH COURSE WAS CONDUCTED	DURATION (days)	YEAR OF COURSE	COPY OF CERTIFICATE ATTACHED
<i>EXAMPLE</i>				
<i>eg. Leaders Wilderness Advanced First Aid</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>yes</i>

5. Firearms Experience

You must have completed an approved firearms safety training course or military service firearms training and supply evidence of your certification.

NAME OF COURSE OR TRAINING PROGRAM	DATES	TYPES OF FIREARM	COPY OF CERTIFICATE ATTACHED
<i>EXAMPLE</i>			
<i>Certificate of Firearms Safety</i>	<i>February 2016</i>	<i>shotgun, single bore, handgun</i>	<i>yes</i>

6. References

You must provide details of three references/referees who can validate your resume. Only one of these may be from your current employer. They will be asked by the IPGA Assessment and Registration Committee to comment on your leadership competencies and duty of care towards clients/team members. References should be supplied in English language.

You may attach references to your application (optional).

	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER / COUNTRY	RELATION TO APPLICANT
<i>EXAMPLE</i>				
<i>eg.</i>	<i>Liz Henderson</i>	<i>liz@henderson.com</i>	<i>+61 2 3456 7890</i>	<i>my North Pole expedition guide</i>
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7. Images

You must provide at least 5 images that best depict your skill and experience as a polar guide. Images should include typical settings such as group sled hauling in a polar environment, travel across glacial terrain, group instruction, polar camping etc.

Images must reflect the skills and best-practices endorsed by IPGA.

8. Additional Information (if required)



SUBMISSION

IPGA reserves the right to request more information or experience from an applicant where their experience is deemed too limited, specialised or out-dated. This information should be supplied in English language.

Before submitting your application please ensure you have:

- completed all details
- attached scans/photos of certificates
- attached a head and shoulders photo
- attached a selection of images depicting your skill and experience
- ensured your name is written clearly on all attachments
- notified your nominated referees
- paid your €25 Application Fee
- signed the form and Release of Liability

Email to registration@polarguides.org

NAME:		SIGNED:
DATE:		

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Between:

International Polar Guides Association, hereafter referred to as IPGA

and

IPGA Applicant or IPGA-endorsed Polar Expedition Guide

I agree that my application for IPGA Polar Expedition Guide endorsement, and approval as an IPGA-endorsed Polar Expedition Guide, is based on the information submitted by me during the application process. I understand and acknowledge that IPGA provides an endorsement based on my application and does not examine, certify or otherwise guarantee my conduct as a guide.

I agree that IPGA endorsement and approval does not release me from liability as a guide. I agree that a client or expedition participant of mine may in the future hold me liable for loss or damage, personal injury, death, economic loss or consequential loss and agree that IPGA is not liable in any way for these claims or actions.

I waive any claims I may in the future have against, and release from all liability and agree not to sue, IPGA and its employees, board members or representatives in respect to any personal injury, death, property damage or loss sustained by me, by any of my clients or expedition participants or any third-parties as a result of any cause whatsoever.

NAME:		SIGNED:
DATE:		