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PTGA Matrix for Recognition of Current Competency

General Notes:

- All RCC applicants must be current financial members of the PTGA.
- All applicants must have a current First Aid Certificate.
- Make sure to include relevant evidence and experience outside the polar tourism industry.
- All RCC applications will be reviewed by the PTGA Committee tasked with such.
- The RCC Scheme will run until **Oct 31 2018**. After this time anyone wanting PTQs will need to be assessed.
- Attestations can be from the same two people and cover multiple PTQs if an applicant is applying for more than one.
- RCC candidates are required to fulfil revalidation requirements as per normal testing.

Polar Tourism Qualification	RCC Requirements
Lead a Hike in Non-Technical Terrain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >50 sessions logged leading off-trail hikes longer than 60 minutes.• Attestation from 2 peers (Expedition Leader, SPTGuide or Assessor) that they are working above the level of the relevant PTQ syllabus.
Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attestation from 2 peers (Expedition Leader, SPTGuide or Assessor) that they are working above the level of the relevant PTQ syllabus.
Radio and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >100 days logged working with VHF and/or UHF and satellite telephone communications.• Attestation from 2 peers (Expedition Leader, SPTGuide or Assessor) that they are working above the level of the relevant PTQ syllabus.
Snow and Ice Crack Awareness (no test)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >10 excursions logged working with, or around, site specific features as per the PTQ.• Attestation from 2 peers (Expedition Leader, SPTGuide or Assessor) that they have the knowledge contained in the Awareness Certificate.
Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >50 presentations (>15mins) delivered and/or video a presentation and submit it for assessment.• Attestation from 2 peers (Expedition Leader, SPTGuide or Assessor) that they are working above the level of the relevant PTQ syllabus.
Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >50 logged interpretation sessions.• Attestation from 2 peers (Expedition Leader, SPTGuide or Assessor) that they are working above the level of the relevant PTQ syllabus.
Zodiac I/II	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >100 logged days driving zodiacs (a day is not less than 4hours driving). At least 50 days must be in the polar environment.• Attestation from 2 peers (Expedition Leader, SPTGuide or Assessor) that they are working above the level of the relevant PTQ syllabus.
Zodiac III Endorsements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >20 days logged driving zodiacs/small boats at the endorsement level applied for (see separate notes for 3.4, 3.5, 3.6).• Attestation from 2 peers (Expedition Leader, SPTGuide or Assessor) that they are working above the level of the relevant PTQ syllabus.
Lead a Journey in Technical Terrain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• >20 logged journeys (some must be multi-day) in technical terrain as per the Scope.