

POLAR QUALIFICATION

Advanced Terrestrial Navigation Endorsement

2020 Edition



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DEFINITIONS:

- Scope:** Outlines who the test is for.
- Element:** Outlines the overall **skill set** to be tested.
- Range:** The **specific skills** to be examined. An examination **may or may not** include all of the range items. It is at the discretion of the Assessor if the Assessee shows confidence and ease in other range items as to whether they examine them or not.
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- SCOPE:** **Navigation Skills** is for field staff/guides working in any area where known, or simple walks/longer treks, ski tours, skidoo excursions, landings or zodiac cruises are undertaken. It is a basic safety management competency that all field staff/guides should have.

- PREREQUISITES:** Nil

- CROSS CREDIT:** Any internationally recognized qualifications that include these components to the level of the Scope or higher. See Cross Credit Matrices.

Endorsement 1 – Advanced Terrestrial Navigation.

- 1.1 In a given location, a map is accurately orientated to north using a range of navigation tools.**
Range: Compass, smartphone, GPS, surrounding natural features.
- 1.2 Accurate compass bearings are taken from a map and followed correctly with a compass.**
- 1.3 Position is identified accurately using non-electronic navigation tools.**
Range: Map, compass, ground-map, map-ground.
- 1.4 A predetermined point is reached following a route using at least four navigation techniques and navigating around hazards.**
Range: Pacing, timing, aiming off, attack points, handrails, bypassing obstacles, following a compass bearing, using map to ground techniques, catching features, back bearings.
- 1.5 The amount of time required to travel from one given point to another in a variety of terrain is estimated and any variation to the actual time taken is justified.**
- 1.6 The travel distance from one given point to another in a variety of terrain is estimated and the variation to the actual distance is justified.**

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