

PTGA Matrix for Cross Crediting External Qualifications



PTGA recognises the following Associations/Qualifications and Assessments for Cross Accreditation.

General notes:

- All applicants must be current members of the professional association for which they hold qualifications with.
- All applicants must be current financial members of the PTGA.
- All applicants must provide a current First Aid Certificate and a copy of their qualification.
- The listed External Qualifications is not exhaustive and will be developed further as time goes on. If you have awards from qualification systems NOT included in this matrix please let us know and let us know what areas they/it crosses into.

External Qualification	PTGA Qualification	Further Requirements
	Lead a Hike in Non-Technical Terrain	
NZOIA Bush I,II Mountain I, II - NZ		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
IFMGA/NZMGA/AMGA/ACMG Mountain Guides Awards		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
IML, WML, ML, WML - UK		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
Arctic University of Norway – Arctic Nature Guide		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
NOLS Instructor – Alpine Mountain and Wilderness Hiking		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
IML-UIMLA – Many countries		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
	Navigation Skills	
NZOIA Bush I,II Alpine I, Alpine II - NZ		(if on a vessel) Element 1. Familiarization sessions with ship navigation tools, AIS, depth sounder, marine charts. Gains Advanced Terrestrial Navigation Endorsement also.
IFMGA/NZMGA/AMGA		(if on a vessel) Elements 1. Familiarization sessions with ship navigation tools, AIS, depth sounder, marine charts.

Mountain Guides Awards		Gains Advanced Terrestrial Navigation Endorsement also.
IML-UIMLA – Many countries		(if on a vessel) Elements 1. Familiarization sessions with ship navigation tools, AIS, depth sounder, marine charts.
NOLS Instructor – Alpine Mountain, Wilderness Hiking, Sea Kayak - USA		(if on a vessel) Elements 1. Familiarization sessions with ship navigation tools, AIS, depth sounder, marine charts. Gains Advanced Terrestrial Navigation Endorsement also.
Arctic University of Norway – Arctic Nature Guide		(if on a vessel) Elements 1. Familiarization sessions with ship navigation tools, AIS, depth sounder, marine charts. Gains Advanced Terrestrial Navigation Endorsement also.
IML, HML, ML, WML - UK		(if on a vessel) Elements 1. Familiarization sessions with ship navigation tools, AIS, depth sounder, marine charts. Gains Advanced Terrestrial Navigation Endorsement also.
RYA Powerboat II - International		Element 2.1. Assessed by PTGA Assessor
RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Offshore	Performance tested	No further requirement
Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP) - Canada		Unknown at this stage.
	Radio and Communications	
Arctic University of Norway – Arctic Nature Guide		Elements 1.6, 1.7 inducted into Company/Vessel specific equipment and procedures.
NZQA – Radio Operations - NZ		Element 2.
RYA Marine Radio Short Range Certificate		Element 1.
Restricted Operators Certificate Maritime - Canada		Element 1.6 and 1.7 if applicable. Element 2 – Using a satellite phone
LROCP - Australia		Element 1.6 and 1.7 if applicable. Element 2 – Using a satellite phone
	Crevasse Awareness and Management	This is a knowledge and awareness award and while other qualifications will have a much higher level of operation and don't require further input, guides should seek site specific information whenever possible.
IFMGA/NZMGA/AMGA		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
IML-UIMLA – Many countries		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
IML, WML - UK		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
Arctic University of Norway – Arctic Guide		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.

NZOIA Alpine II - NZ		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
NOLS Instructor – Alpine Mountain - USA		No further requirements other than an induction into specific Company policies, procedures and SOP's.
	Presentation Skills	
International Toast Masters		No further requirements.
Speaking Agency Representation		No further requirements.
	Interpretation Skills	
NAI Interpretation Award - USA		No further requirements.
Arctic University of Norway – Arctic Guide		No further requirements.
NOLS Instructor - USA		No further requirements.
Interpretive Guides Association - Canada		A range of awards. No further requirements.
	Driving Small Boats/Zodiacs	
RYA Powerboat Level II - International		Working with Small Boats/Zodiacs. No less than two excursions observed as competent by a PTGA Assessor. Check MOB knowledge.
Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP) - Canada		Practical elements. Element 3, Element 4, Element 5, Element 6, Element 7.
Australian Maritime Coxwains Certificate Grade 1 or 2		Working with Small Boats/Zodiacs, No less than two excursions observed as competent by a PTGA Assessor. Check MOB knowledge.
MilPro Zodiac Training - USA		Working with Small Boats/Zodiacs, No less than two excursions observed as competent by a PTGA Assessor. Check MOB knowledge.
Pleasure Craft Operators Card – PCOC Canada	Nil value	
Launch Masters - NZ		Working with Small Boats/Zodiacs, one theory session with a qualified senior staff member. Check MOB knowledge.
US Coast Guard Master's License		Working with Small Boats/Zodiacs, one theory session with a qualified senior staff member. Check MOB knowledge.
US Coast Guard OUPV License		Working with Small Boats/Zodiacs, one theory session with a qualified senior staff member. Check MOB knowledge.
	Advanced Driving Endorsements	
US Coast Guard Master's License	Strong wind driving	
US Coast Guard OUPV License	Strong wind driving	
Zodiac MilPro	Strong wind driving	

	Lead a Journey in Technical Terrain	
IFMGA/NZMGA		Relevant IAATO/AECO online test for regulation knowledge.
IML, ML, WML - UK		Relevant IAATO/AECO online test for regulation knowledge.
NZOIA Alpine I, II - NZ		Relevant IAATO/AECO online test for regulation knowledge.
Arctic University of Norway – Arctic Nature Guide		Relevant IAATO/AECO online test for regulation knowledge.
NOLS Instructor – Alpine Mountain - USA		Relevant IAATO/AECO online test for regulation knowledge.
Other		
STCW - International		The STCW program is a useful course for maritime work and essential for some companies in ship-based polar tourism it doesn't translate to any cross-creditable skills in the PTGA framework.
Firearms Skills in Polar Bear Environments (FSPBE)		We are developing our own training syllabus and qualification. IF you have cross creditable qualifications in this area please read the FSPBE syllabus and contact us if you feel it measures up.