

POLAR QUALIFICATION

Interpretation Skills for Polar Guides

2022 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: Interpretation Skills are a knowledge base and skill set all field staff/guides working in the polar regions 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.

ELEMENTS & PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:

Element 1 – Deliver/facilitate interpretive discussions

1.1 Pre-brief the discussion

Range: Explains any safety issues about the walk or site, reviews/explains and role models minimal impact protocols, speaks clearly at appropriate speed, visitor comfort considered, and provides information outlining what the walk/exploration will involve.

1.2 Deliver an interpretive discussion

Range: Understands thematic interpretation and uses the TORE model, tailor's information to the specific audience, information is provided in a logical order, encourages use of a variety of senses, provides accurate and relevant information, uses stories and anecdotes, interactive questioning, uses gestures and body language, and use of provocative statements.

1.3 Conclude an interpretive discussion

Range: Offers to find out information when answers are unknown, encourages audience to interact with each other, monitor groups departure or ongoing minimal impacts, ensure conclusion reinforces initial theme and main points.

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