



**POLAR TOURISM**  
Guides Association

guiding guiding



**Required:** Current PTGA membership, Code of Conduct signed, First Aid Certificate

**FOUNDATION  
PTGA  
QUALIFICATIONS**

Radio &  
Satellite Phone  
Communications

Navigation  
Skills

Working with  
Small Boats/  
Zodiacs

Driving  
Small Boats/  
Zodiacs

Crevasse  
Awareness &  
Management

Lead a Hike  
in Non-  
Technical  
Terrain

Presentation  
Skills

Thematic  
Interpretation

**POLAR GUIDE  
(ASPIRANT)**

**Required:** Achieved 2 or more Foundation PTGA Qualifications & logged more than 10 days polar guiding.



**Recommended:** External qualifications & further professional development.

**POLAR GUIDE**

**Required:** Achieved 5 or more Foundation PTGA Qualifications & logged more than 150 excursion days guiding in polar regions (must be logged over not less than two or more different/distinct seasons north or south).



**ADVANCED  
PTGA  
QUALIFICATIONS**

Advanced  
Driving  
Endorsements

Terrestrial  
Navigation

Lead a  
Journey in  
Technical  
Terrain

Polar  
Endorsement  
for Sea Kayak  
Guiding

Operations  
in Polar Bear  
Environments

Firearm Skills  
for Polar Bear  
Environments

Lead a  
Polar  
Expedition

Lead a  
Dog Sled  
Journey

Lead a  
Snowmobile  
Journey  
*(in development)*

Sea Ice  
Management  
& Safety  
*(in development)*

**Recommended:** External qualifications, peer feedback & professional logs of advanced operation.

**SENIOR  
POLAR GUIDE**

**Required:** Has logged 300 excursion days guiding in polar regions (must be logged over not less than 3 or more different/distinct seasons north or south), plus ONE of the following options:

- Achieved ALL Foundation PTGA Qualifications, plus 4 or more Advanced PTGA Qualifications or Endorsements, OR
- Achieved 6 Foundation PTGA Qualifications, plus 5 or more Advanced PTGA Qualifications or Endorsements.

