



APA GUIDE QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE - FLATWATER

	TRAINEE GUIDE			
	May support but not guide on river trips. Registered with APA and logging days			
3 days	Flatwater Guide Course			
	Three day course aimed at training candidates to function as part of the guide team			
10 days	Logged experience	Level One First Aid		
1 day	Flatwater Guide Assessments			
	A written/oral theory assessment + a practical evaluation			
FLATWATER GUIDE CERTIFICATE <i>minimum guiding qualification</i> Qualified to function as part of guide team but MAY NOT LEAD ↓				
15 days	Logged experience			
3 days	Trip Leader Workshop			
	Two days and two nights aimed at training candidates to lead guide team. Practical assessment during course. Theory workbook to be completed with post trip requirements.			
17 days	Logged Experience (At least 3 trips must be overnight trips and at least 1 must be +20km)	Post workshop requirements • Compile SOP • Complete workbook	Level 3 First Aid	
FLATWATER TRIP LEADER Qualified to function as a trip leader MAY LEAD guide team on all trips ↓				→ Trainee instructor ↓ Instructor
SENIOR GUIDE An honorary designation, awarded on application, to guides who have Trip Leader-Unrestricted status in 3 disciplines				

HOW THE APA QUALIFICATIONS RELATE TO THE NQF UNIT STANDARDS

APA QUALIFICATION	NQF UNIT STANDARD	ASSESSMENT REQUIRED
River Guide	Assist a Guided Paddling Exp.	RPL
Trip Leader – Restricted	Conduct a Guided Paddling Exp.	RPL
Trip Leader - Unrestricted	Conduct a Guided Paddling Exp.	RPL

