



APA GUIDE QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE

	TRAINEE GUIDE				
	May support but not guide on river trips. Registered with APA and logging days				
3 days	River Guide Course				
	Three day course aimed at training candidates to function as part of the guide team				
17 days	Logged experience	Level One First Aid			
1 day	River Guide Assessments				
	A written/oral theory assessment + a practical evaluation				
RIVER GUIDE CERTIFICATE <i>minimum guiding qualification</i> Qualified to function as part of guide team but MAY NOT LEAD ↓					
30 days	Logged experience				
3 days	Trip Leader Workshop			OPTIONAL SPECIALITY COURSES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rafting: 3 days, IRF accredited Safety Kayaking: 2 days Croccing: 2 days Tubing: 2 days* <p><i>* N/A as a TL-UR specialisation</i></p>	
	Three days and three nights aimed at training candidates to lead guide team. Practical assessment during course. Theory workbook to be completed and through post trip requirements.				
17 days	Logged Experience (minimum of 50 days, 20 of which must be on class 3 and higher)	Complete post-trip requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> compile an SOP document Complete workbook 	Level 3 First Aid		
TRIP LEADER-RESTRICTED Qualified to function as a trip leader MAY LEAD guide team on all rivers up to and including class 3 ↓					
50 days	Logged experience Minimum of 50 days, including 20 days on 5 different sections of class 4 or higher and also including 30 days in chosen speciality.	Level 3 First Aid			
1 day	Trip Leader-Unrestricted Assessment				
	Experience based assessment, in chosen speciality				
TRIP LEADER-UNRESTRICTED <i>highest guiding qualification</i> Qualified to function as trip leader MAY LEAD on all trips in chosen speciality If rafting, this will link to IRF certification ↓					
				→ Trainee instructor ↓ Instructor - restricted ↓ Instructor unrestricted	
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 in a Guided Paddling Exp. (currently incorrectly registered)	RPL
Trip Leader – Restricted	Conduct a Guided Paddling Exp.	RPL
Trip Leader - Unrestricted	Conduct a Guided Paddling Exp.	RPL