

Developing Assessors for new Mountain Bike qualifications

Summary:

NZOIA and Skills Active are excited to be rolling out the New Zealand Certificates in Outdoor Leadership (Level 4, Level 5 and Level 6) Mountain Biking in 2018. This new suite of qualifications is highly anticipated by the industry and will provide a professional development pathway for new and experienced mountain bike practitioners.

With any new qualification rolling out, the first step is to put in place a process to assess experienced practitioners so they can be awarded the new qualifications. It is anticipated that these people will become our first pool of registered assessors.

To facilitate this process, Skills Active and NZOIA will be holding a mountain biking workshop and grand-parenting event in April 2018. This workshop will aim to:

- Familiarise participants with the content and structure of the new qualifications
- Provide the opportunity to be assessed for the technical components of the qualifications
- Provide access for participants to complete the 'core' theory components of the qualifications which, on successful completion, will meet the full requirements to be awarded the qualification
- Provide a pathway for participants to become registered Skills Active and/or NZOIA Assessors and be awarded scope to assess the new qualifications.

Proposed workshop dates:

13-15 April 2018

Workshop location and costs:

TBA. Participants will need to cover personal costs associated with travel to and from the event, accommodation and food.

Who is eligible?

This workshop has been designed for experienced mountain bike practitioners who can also meet the requirements to become a registered Skills Active and/or NZOIA Assessor. The requirements for each qualification level is outlined below:

Level	Personal Experience	Leadership Scope and Terrain
Level 4 – Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ride MTBNZ trails Grade 3 for at least two hours; completed at least 30 hours of riding on trails up to and including MTBNZ trail Grade 3. 	'front country' terrain on MTBNZ Grade 2 trails.
Level 5 – Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ride MTBNZ trails up to and including MTBNZ trail Grade 4 as well as trails that are at least five hours long; completed at least 30 hours of riding on trails at Grades 3 and 30 hours of riding on trails at Grade 4 which includes a minimum of 40 hours as leader and 20 hours experience instructing. 	trails up to and including MTBNZ Grade 4.
Level 5 – Guiding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ride MTBNZ trails up to and including MTBNZ trail Grade 3 and 4 as well as trails that are at least five hours long; completed at least 30 hours of riding on trails at Grade 3 and 30 hours of riding on trails at Grade 4, which includes a minimum of 40 hours as leader and 20 hours experience guiding groups. 	MTBNZ Grade 4 trails, including in 'back country' terrain.
Level 6 – Senior Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ride MTBNZ trails up to and including MTBNZ trail Grade 5 as well as trails that are at least 5 hours long; completed at least 60 hours of experience instructing or guiding on trails up to and including Grade 5 which includes a minimum of 20 hours on Grade 5 trails. 	MTBNZ Grade 5, including in 'remote locations'

Information on the MTBNZ grading can be found at <http://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/parks-and-recreation/activity-finder/mtn-biking/mtb-grading-print.pdf>.

Register your interest

NZOIA and Skills Active now welcome expressions of interest from people who want to be considered for this workshop. Please submit the following pre-requisites and evidence with your expression of interest:

- A brief statement of why you want to attend this event
- Which qualification levels you wish to be considered for
- Mountain Biking Logbook* with Minimum Logged hours as specified above
- CV (include any previous assessing experience)
- Current First Aid Certificate

Send completed applications to:

- Penny Holland, NZOIA Operations Manager admin@nzoia.org.nz or NZOIA, PO Box 1620, Nelson, 7040
- Maren Frerichs, General Manager Industry Engagement maren@skillsactive.org.nz or Skills Active, PO Box 920 Christchurch 840

The closing date for expressions of interest is **2 February 2018**. Participants will be confirmed in the New Year. Relevant workshop material will be sent to participants in early March in preparation for the April workshop.

About us:

NZOIA is an association, of outdoor instructors and guides, which represents and advocates for their interests across a wide range of outdoor disciplines. NZOIA provides credible, accessible and relevant qualifications for the outdoor sector. NZOIA ensures and promotes high standards for outdoor instruction and guiding to the New Zealand community.

Skills Active is the Industry Training Organisation (ITO) for the Sport, Fitness, Community Recreation, Snowsport, Outdoor Recreation, Dive, Performing Arts and Nga Mahi a te Rehia sectors. As the ITO recognised for the listed industries, Skills Active is the Government mandated organisation to work with industry to set standards and qualifications on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF). Skills Active is funded by the Government for arranging the delivery of qualifications to people already in employment in those industries to upskill workers and increase productivity of workplaces.

The partnership between Skills Active and NZOIA was established with a shared vision of providing one professional and aligned qualification system for outdoor, leaders, guides and instructors.

Additional requirements to become NZOIA Qualified:

Through this workshop individuals will be working to achieve qualifications recognised on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework, and become registered assessors for these qualifications.

If you also want to hold a NZOIA qualification or be a NZOIA assessor following this workshop you will need to be a member of NZOIA.

If you are already a NZOIA member your qualification will be processed and added to your membership profile once the report is completed.

For non-members go to the NZOIA website to join and start enjoying the benefits of being part of a professional body of likeminded people. Website: nzodia.org.nz

*A logbook should detail your entire personal recreational and instructional mountain biking experience including the following details: Date, location, group, route description, general comments. If you have not maintained a logbook, please detail your experience over the last three years and summarise previous experience.