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THIS VERSION OF THE PAWGI GENERAL STANDARDS SUPERSEDE ANY AND ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF PAWGI GENERAL STANDARDS

1. Introduction

The PAWGI General Standards encompass all standards, rules, and regulations, as they relate to professional certification with the Professional Association of Wilderness Guides and Instructors. Certification as a Certified Assistant Guide (CAG), Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG), Certified Specialized Guide (CSG), Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI), or Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) does not grant voting membership in the Professional Association of Wilderness Guides and Instructors as defined under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, SC 2009, c 23.

This current document supersedes all previous documents, and is current as of **8 AUGUST 2019**. Please visit www.pawgi.org for the latest version of the PAWGI General Standards.

For the purpose of this document, please take notice of the following definitions:

Shall: establishes a requirement
May: establishes an option
Should: establishes a recommendation

Please direct any question with respect to any part of this document to your local PAWGI Office.

2. Certified Assistant Guide (CAG)

2.1. Privileges

Certified Assistant Guides (CAG) may assist a Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) on land expeditions in any area suitable for their skill and experience level, excluding activities involving travel on glaciers or permanent snow, climbing, or the use of hands and body for balance. They may also conduct single day land expeditions in any area suitable for their level of experience, under the direct supervision of a Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG), a Certified Specialized Guide (CSG), a Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI), or a Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT).

2.2. Eligibility

Candidates for the Certified Assistant Guide (CAG) certification must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be 18 years of age or older,
- (b) Hold a Standard First Aid/CPR/AED certification or higher, issued within the last two years, and;
- (c) Be physically fit and not present any counter indication to exercise.

2.3. Performance Criteria

Candidates must demonstrate thorough theoretical knowledge of various subjects organized in the following modules:

Module 1: Regulations (Optional, at discretion of instructor)

- 1.1. Business Registration
- 1.2. Tax Registration
- 1.3. Operating Licenses and Registrations
- 1.4. Guide Certifications
- 1.5. Land Use
- 1.6. Liability Insurance
- 1.7. Workers Compensation
- 1.8. Labour Regulations
- 1.9. PAWGI Standards

Module 2: Nature Interpretation

- 3.1. Mammals
- 3.2. Birds
- 3.3. Reptiles and Amphibians
- 3.4. Fishes
- 3.5. Trees and Plants
- 3.6. Geography & Geology
- 3.7. Astronomy

Module 3: Cultural Interpretation

- 3.1. First Nations
- 3.2. History
- 3.3. Culture
- 3.3. Past Occupation of the Land

- 3.5. Past and Present Land Use Practices
- 3.6. Legends

Module 4: Meteorology

- 4.1. Moisture in the Atmosphere
- 4.2. The Atmosphere and How it is Heated
- 4.3. Atmospheric Cooling
- 4.4. Stable and Unstable Air
- 4.5. Atmospheric Pressure and Air Circulation
- 4.6. Air Masses and Fronts
- 4.7. The Structure of Fronts
- 4.8. The Formation of Clouds and Precipitation
- 4.9. Visibility
- 4.10. Wind
- 4.11. Thunderstorms
- 4.12. Regional Weather

Module 5: Risk & Emergency Management

- 5.1. Legal Considerations
- 5.2. Risk Management
- 5.3. Emergency Management
- 5.4. Hazards Inherent to Wilderness Environments.

Module 6: Expeditionary & Outdoor Leadership

- 6.1. Expedition Planning
- 6.2. Expedition Undertaking
- 6.3. Outdoor Leadership

Module 7: Sustainability & Conservation

- 7.1. Environmentally Sustainable Outdoor Practices
- 7.2. Eco-Tourism
- 7.3. Conservation Principles

Module 8: Wilderness Survival

- 8.1. Psychology of Survival
- 8.2. Signals
- 8.3. Shelters
- 8.4. Fires
- 8.5. Water
- 8.6. Food
- 8.7. Poisonous Plants and Animal Parts

2.4. Learning Options

Candidates may choose one of the following options:

2.4.1. Online Course Option

Candidate may take an approved online course with a PAWGI Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI).

2.4.2. Regular Course Option

Candidate may take an approved course with a PAWGI Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI).

2.4.3. Self-Learning Option

Candidates may acquire the necessary knowledge on their own and challenge the exam. The exam may however only be challenged once. In the event of failure, the completion of an approved course will be required before the exam is attempted again.

2.5. Recommended Materials

2.5.1. North America

Recommended materials are at the discretion of individual Certified Wilderness Instructors (CWI).

2.5.2. Europe

Recommended materials are at the discretion of individual Certified Wilderness Instructors (CWI).

2.5.3. Asia Pacific

Recommended materials are at the discretion of individual Certified Wilderness Instructors (CWI).

2.5.4. South America

Recommended materials are at the discretion of individual Certified Wilderness Instructors (CWI).

2.5.5. Africa

Recommended materials are at the discretion of individual Certified Wilderness Instructors (CWI).

2.6. Assessment & Certification

Candidates are solely assessed on their theoretical knowledge of Modules 1 to 8. There is no practical assessment for this certification level.

Candidates must obtain an overall passing score of 80% on the Wilderness Guide General Examination (WGGE) specific to the region of their choice. The WGGE is an online closed book examination, comprised of 200 multiple-choice questions, with a time limit of 2 hours:

- (Module 1): Regulations - No questions
- (Module 2): Nature Interpretation - 40 questions
- (Module 3): Cultural Interpretation - 20 questions
- (Module 4): Meteorology - 20 questions
- (Module 5): Risk & Emergency Management - 45 questions
- (Module 6): Expeditionary & Outdoor Leadership - 45 questions
- (Module 7): Sustainability & Conservation - 10 questions
- (Module 8): Wilderness Survival - 20 questions

In the event of exam failure, a waiting period of 90 days apply. Any exam attempt within such period will be discarded.

2.7. Renewal

Renewal is not required and certification remains in force as long as currency requirements are maintained and documented.

2.8. Currency Requirements

Certified Assistant Guide (CAG) certification remains in force, as long as the following conditions are met:

- (a) Certified Assistant Guide (CAG) certification is not in Expired, Cancelled, Suspended, or Revoked Status.
- (b) Certified Assistant Guide (CAG) holds a Standard First Aid/CPR certification issued within the last two years.
- (c) Certified Assistant Guide complies with all standards, procedures, guidelines, and bulletins established by PAWGI.

Willfully misrepresenting compliance with currency requirements for any level of certification shall result in certification revocation.

2.9. Identification of Certification

Certified Assistant Guide (CAG) certification holders may display their level of certification after their name, as per the following format:

- (a) Certified Assistant Guide, or;
- (b) CAG

2.10. Suspension of Privileges

Certified Assistant Guides (CAG) shall not exercise the privileges of the certification held unless all currency requirements are fulfilled. Failure to comply with currency requirements at any time shall result in the immediate and automatic suspension of certification privileges.

3. Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG)

3.1. Privileges

Certified Wilderness Guides (CWG) may organize and conduct day and multi-day land expeditions in any area suitable for their skill and experience level, excluding activities involving travel on glaciers or permanent snow, climbing, or the use of hands and body for balance.

3.2. Eligibility

Candidates for the Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) certification must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be 19 years of age or older,
- (b) Hold a PAWGI Certified Assistant Guide (CAG) certification in Active status,
- (c) Hold a current Advanced Wilderness & Remote First Aid certification (minimum 40 hours), issued within the last three years, and;
- (d) Be physically fit and not present any counter indication to exercise.

3.3. Performance Criteria

Candidates must demonstrate thorough theoretical and practical knowledge of the following subjects:

3.3.1. Trip Assessment

3.3.1.2. Regulatory Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) outline the required registrations;
- (b) outline the required Licenses;
- (c) outline the required permits; and
- (d) outline all other legal requirements necessary to undertake a given trip.

3.3.1.2. Environmental Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) define any environmental conflict arising out of undertaking a trip in a given area; and
- (b) mitigate any environmental conflict arising out of undertaking a trip in a given area.

3.3.1.3. Climate Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify general climate trends for the area where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (b) identify seasonal climate trends for the area where the trip is to be undertaken; and
- (c) Assess climate suitability for the area where the trip is to be undertaken.

3.3.1.4. Water Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) assess the availability of water in the area where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (b) identify the location of available water where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (c) identify the pathogens that could be present in water; and
- (d) evaluate treatment options in order to make the water suitable for human consumption.

3.3.1.5. Transportation Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the mode of transport required to reach the area where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (b) identify the availability of such mode of transport; and
- (c) identify the viability of such mode of transport.

3.3.1.6. Participants Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the age group of the participants;
- (b) identify the physical fitness level of the participants;
- (c) identify the experience level of the participants; and
- (d) identify any potential medical condition for each participant.

3.3.2. Route Selection

3.3.2.1. Terrain Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the general terrain features of the area where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (b) assess the suitability of the terrain for the undertaking of the intended trip;

3.3.2.2. Suitability of Route

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify a route that is suitable for the trip to be undertaken;
- (b) identify a route that is suitable for the level of fitness and experience of the participants;
- (c) identify a route that is suitable for the season; and
- (d) identify a route that will allow evacuation in the event of an emergency.

3.3.2.3. Distance of Travel

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately evaluate distances on a map;
- (b) accurately adjust distances based on topographic lines; and
- (c) efficiently plan daily distances to be covered based on the circumstances, including participants' level of fitness and experience.

3.3.2.4. Time Allocated for Travel

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately evaluate travel times based on a map;
- (b) accurately evaluate travel times based on elevation gains and losses; and
- (c) accurately and efficiently allocate time for travel based on the circumstances, including participants' level of fitness and experience.

3.3.2.5. Protection against Insects

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) effectively select a route with the least insect exposure;
- (b) effectively plan the route in order to avoid travel in insect-ridden areas during peak insect activity time; and
- (c) efficiently select a route that avoids areas such as bogs and marshes.

3.3.2.6. Difficulty Level Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess the difficulty level of a chosen route based on the circumstances, including participants' level of fitness and experience; and
- (b) effectively assess a suitable difficulty level based on the circumstances, including level of fitness and experience.

3.3.3. Self Assessment

3.4.3.1. Skills

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess his/her own skills; and
- (b) effectively and accurately assess the suitability and sufficiency of such skills for the trip to be undertaken.

3.3.3.2. Knowledge

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess his/her own knowledge; and
- (b) effectively and accurately assess the suitability and sufficiency of such knowledge for the trip to be undertaken.

3.3.3.3. Experience

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess his/her own experience in similar or identical environments; and
- (b) effectively and accurately assess the suitability and sufficiency of such experience for the trip to be undertaken.

3.3.3.4. Shortfalls

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess his/her own shortfalls; and
- (b) effectively and accurately evaluate the potential consequences of such shortfalls for the trip to be undertaken.

3.3.3.5. Training

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately identify any additional or remedial training needed for the trip to be undertaken; and
- (b) effectively and accurately identify a suitable method to acquire any additional or remedial training before undertaking the trip.

3.3.4. Risk Management

3.3.4.1. Identification of Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately identify all known hazards inherent to wilderness environments; and
- (b) accurately identify most possible hazards specific to the trip to be undertaken.

3.3.4.2. Assessment of Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess the severity of each hazard previously identified, under the circumstances;
- (b) accurately assess the controllability of each hazard previously identified, under the circumstances; and
- (c) accurately assess and color-code each hazard previously identified.

3.3.4.3. Theoretical Management of Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) develop managing plans for hazards based on their color;
- (b) eliminate red hazards;
- (c) develop safety policies;
- (d) develop emergency procedures;
- (e) pre-screen participants; and
- (f) disclose hazards to participants.

3.3.4.4. Awareness of Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) detect hazards on the fields;
- (b) detect hazards that were previously identified at the planning stage; and
- (c) anticipate hazards, whether or not previously identified at the planning stage.

3.3.4.5. Actual Management of Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) apply previously developed managing plans for the identified hazards;
- (b) effectively eliminate red hazards;
- (c) apply previously developed safety policies;
- (d) apply previously developed emergency procedures; and
- (e) brief participants on an ongoing basis about hazards as they surface.

3.3.5. Trip Preparation

3.3.5.1. Participants Screening

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) screen participants based on any pre-existing medical condition;
- (b) screen participants based on physical fitness;
- (c) screen participants based on background; and
- (d) screen participants based on experience.

3.3.5.2. Clothing

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify clothing type suitable for the trip to be undertaken;
- (b) identify the advantages and inconveniences of various fabrics;
- (c) identify the needs for clothing based on weight and volume limitations;
- (d) effectively assess the quantity and variety of clothing required for the trip to be undertaken; and
- (e) effectively identify the type of clothing required for effective protection against the elements.

3.3.5.3. Equipment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the type of equipment required for the trip to be undertaken;
- (b) identify the advantages and inconveniences of various types of equipment;
- (c) identify the needs for equipment based on weight and volume limitations;
- (d) effectively select the equipment most suitable for the trip to be undertaken;
- (e) effectively operate general equipment; and
- (f) effectively operate safety and emergency equipment.

3.3.5.4. Food

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) assess the nutritional needs of the group based on the trip to be undertaken;
- (b) assess the type of food needed based on the trip to be undertaken;
- (c) assess the quantity of food needed for the trip to be undertaken;
- (d) evaluate the quantity of food needed based on volume and weight limitations;
- (e) effectively select the type and amount of food required based on the circumstances.

3.3.5.5. Water

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) assess the availability of water in the area where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (b) identify the potential water contaminants in the area where the trip is to be undertaken; and
- (c) select a suitable water filtration system based on the circumstances.

3.3.6. Pre-Departure

3.3.6.1. Participants Liability Release

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure all participants fill out a liability release prior to participating in any activity;
- (b) ensure all participants understand the liability release, without attempting to interpret the terms of the release; and
- (c) ensure all participants execute the release in an environment conducive for the execution of legal documents.

3.3.6.2. Participants Medical Questionnaire

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure all participants fill out a medical questionnaire prior to participating in any activity;
- (b) ensure all participants understand the medical questionnaire;
- (c) ensure the medical questionnaire is signed by a doctor in the event the participant answered yes to any question; and
- (d) ensure all participants answer the medical questionnaire in an environment conducive for the execution of legal documents.

3.3.6.3. Participants Allergies and Medications

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure all participants fully disclose in writing any allergy they may suffer;
- (b) ensure all participants fully disclose in writing any medication they may require during the trip;
- (c) ensure any required and prescribed medication is packed for the trip; and
- (d) ensure that participants provide an emergency contact.

3.3.6.4. Participants Equipment Check

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) check that the participants are in possession of all the required clothing and equipment;
- (b) check the suitability of such clothing and equipment; and
- (c) remedy any shortfall in required clothing and equipment.

3.3.6.5. Participants Food & Supplies Check

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) verify that each participant carries sufficient food & supplies; and

(b) verify that such food and supplies is properly packed based on the trip to be undertaken.

3.3.6.6. Participants Briefings

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure all participants understand the risks associated with the trip to be undertaken;
- (b) ensure all participants are effectively briefed with respect to existing safety procedures;
- (c) ensure all participants are effectively briefed with respect to existing safety policies; and
- (d) ensure all participants are effectively briefed about the general aspects of the trip to be undertaken.

3.3.6.7. Guide Equipment Check

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) check that he/she is in possession of all the required personal and general clothing and equipment;
- (b) check the suitability of such personal and general clothing and equipment; and
- (c) remedy any shortfall in required personal and general clothing and equipment.

3.3.6.8. Guide Check List

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure that the guide check list is fully performed; and
- (b) ensure that any issue detected during the completion of the checklist is remedied.

3.3.6.9. Guide Equipment Check

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure an emergency plan is effectively and accurately filled out;
- (b) ensure that two copies of the emergency plan are filled out;
- (c) ensure a copy of the emergency plan is left with the emergency coordinator or trustworthy person; and
- (d) ensure such coordinator or person understands the purpose of the emergency plan and when/how to activate a rescue.

3.3.7. Navigation

3.3.7.1. Map Reading

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) understand the difference in details between maps of different scales, namely 1:250000 and 1:50000;
- (b) effectively evaluate terrain and elevation based on topographic lines;
- (c) establish one's position on a map based on features;
- (d) establish one's position on a map based on coordinates; and
- (e) establish coordinates based on one's position on a map.

3.3.7.2. Compass Use

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) use a compass without interference;
- (b) determine direction based on compass reading;
- (c) take bearings; and
- (d) plot a route of travel on a map.

3.3.7.3. Headings

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) understand true headings;
- (b) understand magnetic headings; and
- (c) understand the difference between true and magnetic headings.

3.3.7.4. Magnetic Declinations

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify whether the magnetic declination is East or West based on the region of travel;
- (b) convert true heading to magnetic heading; and
- (c) convert magnetic heading to true heading.

3.3.7.5. Map Reading

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) understand the Global Positioning System;
- (b) understand how to set way points;
- (c) understand how to reach way points; and
- (d) make effective use of a GPS.

3.3.7.6. Celestial Navigation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the pole-star;
- (b) follow a north heading based on the pole-star; and
- (c) follow any other heading based on the pole-star.

3.3.8. Food & Water

3.3.8.1. Water Treatment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) effectively use the water treatment system selected; and
- (b) ensure all participants only consume treated water.

3.3.8.2. Food Handling

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) handle food as to avoid any bacterial or viral contamination;
- (b) handle food as to avoid clothing contamination; and
- (c) handle food as to minimize smells.

3.3.8.3. Food Preparation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) prepare food as to avoid any bacterial or viral contamination;
- (b) prepare food as to avoid clothing contamination;
- (c) prepare food as to minimize smells; and
- (d) Prepare food as to avoid waste.

3.3.8.4. Food Storage

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) store food as to minimize smells;
- (b) store food as to minimize spoilage; and
- (c) store food as to prevent access from wildlife.

3.3.8.5. Waste Management

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) minimize waste;
- (b) pack all waste;
- (c) wash all utensils without contamination of any source of water; and
- (d) dispose of all waste upon completion of the trip.

3.3.9. Camp

3.3.9.1. Camp Site Selection

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) select a camp site before dusk;
- (b) select a camp site in a suitable area;
- (c) select a camp site away from hazards;
- (d) select a camp site with access to water; and
- (e) minimize environmental impact when setting up the campsite.

3.3.9.2. Camp Site Set Up

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) fully set up the camp site before dusk;
- (b) assist participants in setting up their tent; and
- (c) efficiently organizing the camp site.

3.3.9.3. Camp Site Tidiness

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) maintain the camp site organized at all times;
- (b) maintain the camp site clean at all times; and
- (c) effectively store all equipment to prevent unnecessary exposure to the elements.

3.3.9.4. Human Waste Management

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) effectively brief participants about human waste management;
- (b) ensure human wastes are kept away from the camp;
- (c) ensure human wastes are kept away from any source of water; and
- (d) ensure human wastes are properly disposed of.

3.3.9.5. Personal Hygiene

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure participants maintain good hygiene;
- (b) ensure participants do not develop undue body odors;
- (c) ensure participants do not contaminate water when washing; and
- (d) ensure excellent personal hygiene.

3.3.10. Trip Management

3.3.10.1. Participants Re-Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) continuously re-assess participants for physical fitness;
- (b) continuously re-assess participants for medical condition;
- (c) continuously re-assess participants for fatigue;
- (d) continuously re-assess participants for psychological issues; and
- (e) continuously re-assess participants for participation within the group.

3.3.10.2. Route Re-Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) continuously re-assess the route based on weather conditions;
- (b) continuously re-assess the route based on wildlife activity;
- (c) continuously re-assess the route based on environmental events;
- (d) continuously re-assess the route based on position;
- (e) continuously re-assess the route based on schedule; and
- (f) continuously re-assess the route based on participants.

3.3.10.3. Weather Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) continuously assess the weather conditions;
- (b) anticipate adverse weather conditions; and
- (c) effectively react to weather conditions.

3.3.10.4. Hazard Anticipation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) continuously anticipate hazards;
- (b) continuously brief participants about possible hazards; and
- (c) effectively manage anticipated hazards.

3.3.10.5. Situational Awareness

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) remain aware of his or her surroundings;
- (b) remain aware of developing situations; and
- (c) remain aware of the participants needs.

3.3.10.6. Decision Making

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) effectively take decisions;
- (b) effectively use authority to apply and enforce decisions when warranted; and
- (c) effectively involve the group in the decision making process when practical.

3.3.10.7. Communications

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) effectively communicate with the participants;
- (b) effectively communicate with other staff members; and
- (c) communicate in a respectful and diplomatic manner.

3.3.11. Wilderness Hazards

3.3.11.1. Mild Hypothermia

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to mild hypothermia;
- (b) recognize the first signs of mild hypothermia; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of mild hypothermia.

3.3.11.2. Moderate Hypothermia

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to moderate hypothermia;
- (b) recognize the first signs of moderate hypothermia; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of moderate hypothermia.

3.3.11.3. Severe Hypothermia

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to severe hypothermia;
- (b) recognize the first signs of severe hypothermia; and

(c) take immediate corrective action in the event of severe hypothermia.

3.3.11.4. Heat Exhaustion

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) Avoid the circumstances that could lead to heat exhaustion;
- (b) recognize the first signs of heat exhaustion; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of heat exhaustion.

3.3.11.5. Heat Stroke

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to heat stroke;
- (b) recognize the first signs of heat stroke; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of heat stroke.

3.3.11.6. Falls through Ice

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a fall through ice;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a fall through ice; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a fall through ice.

3.3.11.7. Falls in Crevasse

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a fall in a crevasse;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a fall in a crevasse; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a fall through a crevasse.

3.3.11.8. Falls in Water

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a fall in the water;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a fall in the water;
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a fall in the water; and
- (d) demonstrate correct techniques to cross rivers in order to avoid a fall in the water or mitigate the effects of such fall.

3.3.11.9. Falls from Scrambling Terrain

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a fall from scrambling terrain;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a fall from scrambling terrain; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a fall from scrambling terrain.

3.3.11.10. Falls in Deep Mud or Quick Sands

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a fall in deep mud or quick sands;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a fall in deep mud or quick sands; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a fall in deep mud or quick sands.

3.3.11.11. Burial in Avalanches

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a burial in an avalanche;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a burial in an avalanche;
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a burial in an avalanche;
- (d) check avalanche report; and
- (e) carry an avalanche beacon.

3.3.11.12. Rock and Mud Slides

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a rock or mud slide;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a rock or mud slide; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a rock or mud slide.

3.3.11.13. Tidal Movements

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to being caught in tidal movements;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to being caught in tidal movements;
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a tidal movement; and
- (d) carry tide tables at all times when traveling in an area affected by tidal movement.

3.3.11.14. Brush and Forest Fires

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a brush or forest fire;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a brush or forest fire; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a brush or forest fire.

3.3.11.15. Blizzards and Snow Storms

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to being caught in a blizzard or snow storm;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to being caught in a blizzard or snow storm; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a blizzard or snow storm.

3.3.11.16. Thundershowers and Lightning

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a thundershower and lightning;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a thundershower and lightning; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a thundershower and lightning.

3.3.11.17. Fog and Low Lying Clouds

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to being caught in fog or low lying clouds;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to being caught in fog or low lying clouds; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of fog or low lying clouds.

3.3.11.18. Flash Flooding

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to flash flooding;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to flash flooding; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of flash flooding.

3.3.11.19. Float Planes

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the risks associated with float planes;

- (b) follow safety procedures and guidelines when traveling with float planes; and
- (c) identify egress procedures in the event of an accident.

3.3.11.20. Helicopters

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the risks associated with helicopters;
- (b) follow safety procedures and guidelines when traveling by helicopter; and
- (c) follow safety procedures and guidelines when approaching, loading, or unloading helicopters.

3.3.11.21. Other Region-Specific Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to specific hazards;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to specific hazards; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of specific hazards.

3.3.12. Wildlife Management

3.3.12.1. Black and Brown Bears

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify black and brown bears;
- (b) brief participants about black and brown bears;
- (c) minimize interactions with black and brown bears; and
- (d) understand procedures in the event of a black or brown bear attack.

3.3.12.2. Polar Bears

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify polar bears;
- (b) brief participants about polar bears;
- (c) minimize interactions with polar bears; and
- (d) understand procedures in the event of a polar bear attack.

3.3.12.3. Cougars

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify cougars;

- (b) brief participants about cougars;
- (c) minimize interactions with cougars; and
- (d) understand procedures in the event of a cougar attack.

3.3.12.4. Other Region-Specific Predators

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify region-specific predators;
- (b) brief participants about such predators;
- (c) minimize interactions with such predators; and
- (d) understand procedures in the event of a predator attack.

3.3.12.5. Wildlife Harassment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify what constitutes wildlife harassment;
- (b) brief participants about wildlife harassment; and
- (c) Prevent wildlife harassment.

3.3.12.6. Wildlife Feeding

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) brief participants about wildlife feeding;
- (b) prevent participants from feeding wildlife; and
- (c) prevent wildlife from accessing food.

3.3.13. Interpretation

3.3.13.1. Plants, Trees and Shrubs

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major plants, trees and shrubs; and
- (b) inform participants about plants, trees and shrubs.

3.3.13.2. Mammals

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major mammals; and
- (b) inform participants about mammals.

3.3.13.3. Birds

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) Identify birds; and
- (b) inform participants about birds.

3.3.13.4. Fish

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major fish; and
- (b) inform participants about fish.

3.3.13.5. Amphibians

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major amphibians; and
- (b) inform participants about amphibians.

3.3.13.6. Geography and Geology

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major geographical and geological events of the area; and
- (b) inform participants about geographical and geological events.

3.3.13.7. Astronomy

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major astronomy events, such as auroras borealis, constellations and moon phases; and
- (b) inform participants about astronomy events.

3.3.13.8. Cultural Interpretation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the First Nations of the area;
- (b) Identify the major cultural features of the First Nations of the area; and
- (c) inform participants about First Nations.

3.3.13.9. Regional Interpretation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify regional features; and
- (b) inform participants about regional features.

3.3.13.10. Law Interpretation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify laws and regulations as they apply to the area; and
- (b) inform participants about laws and regulations.

3.3.14. Wilderness Survival

3.3.14.1. Psychology of Survival

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the main psychological elements of survival; and
- (b) identify the main psychological enemies of survival.

3.3.14.2. Shelters

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various types of shelters;
- (b) identify the most suitable type of shelter under the circumstances; and
- (c) effectively build a shelter.

3.3.14.3. Signals

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the main signals; and
- (b) Effectively create a signal.

3.3.14.4. Fire Methods

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various fire methods;
- (b) identify the most suitable fire method under the circumstances; and
- (c) effectively build a fire.

3.3.14.5. Water

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various methods of obtaining drinkable water;
- (b) identify the most suitable method of obtaining drinking water under the circumstances; and
- (c) effectively obtain drinking water.

3.3.14.6. Food

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various methods of obtaining food;
- (b) identify the most suitable method of obtaining food under the circumstances; and
- (c) effectively obtain food.

3.3.14.7. Poisonous Plants

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various methods of assessing whether a plant is poisonous; and
- (b) Identify the major poisonous plants in the area.

3.3.14.7. Poisonous Animal Parts

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various methods of assessing whether an animal is poisonous; and
- (b) Identify the animals or animal parts that are poisonous in the area.

3.3.14.9. Mushrooms

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid consuming mushrooms; and
- (b) pointing out unidentified mushrooms.

3.3.15. Sustainability & Conservation

3.3.15.1. Resource Conservation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify current resource conservation issues;
- (b) identify methods for mitigating resource conservation issues; and
- (c) communicate with participants about resource conservation issues.

3.3.15.2. Wildlife Conservation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify current wildlife resource conservation issues;
- (b) identify methods for mitigating wildlife conservation issues; and
- (c) communicate with participants about wildlife conservation issues.

3.3.15.3. Environmentally Sustainable Practices

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify environmentally sustainable practices;
- (b) apply environmentally sustainable practices; and
- (c) communicate with participants about environmentally sustainable practices.

3.3.16. Emergency Management

3.3.16.1. Twisted Ankle

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

3.3.16.2. Broken Leg

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

3.3.16.3. Hypothermia

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;

- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

3.3.16.4. Animal Attack

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

3.3.16.5. Blizzards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

3.3.16.6. Lost Participant and/or Party

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

3.3.16.7. Unreachable Participant

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

3.3.16.8. Death of Participant

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

3.3.16.9. Other Region-Specific Emergencies

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

3.3.17. Outdoor Leadership

3.3.17.1. Group Dynamics

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify fundamental group dynamic concepts; and
- (b) effectively apply group dynamic concepts.

3.3.17.2. Group Management

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify fundamental group management concepts; and
- (b) effectively apply group management concepts.

3.3.17.3. Communications

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify fundamental communication concepts;
- (b) effectively apply communication concepts; and
- (c) effectively communicate.

3.3.17.4. Conflict Resolution

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify fundamental conflict resolution concepts;
- (b) effectively apply conflict resolution concepts; and
- (c) effectively resolve conflict.

3.3.17.5. Problem Solving

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify fundamental problem solving concepts;
- (b) effectively apply problem solving concepts; and
- (c) effectively solve problems.

3.4. Learning Options

Candidates may select any or a combination of the following options:

3.4.1. Mentorship Program:

Candidates may be able to participate in a mentorship program with a participating Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) or higher. Mentorship program shall include no less than 28 days of overnight expeditionary experience in a wilderness environment.

3.4.2. Supervised Expeditions:

Candidates may undertake wilderness expeditions under the direct supervision of a Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) or higher. Expeditions shall include no less than 56 days of overnight expeditionary experience in a wilderness environment.

3.4.3. Formal Course:

Candidates may participate in courses offered by a Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) or higher. Such course shall include no less than 14 days in a wilderness environment, and no less than 40 hours of instruction.

Wilderness is defined as per Aldo Leopold, as "a continuous stretch of country preserved in its natural state, open to lawful hunting and fishing, big enough to absorb a two weeks' pack trip, and kept devoid of road, artificial trails, cottages, or other works of man."

3.5. Recommended Materials

Recommended materials are at the discretion of individual Certified Wilderness Instructors (CWI).

3.6. Assessment & Certification

Candidates are primarily assessed on their practical knowledge of all subjects outlined in Section 3.3., as theoretical knowledge is assumed following certification as a Certified Assistant Guide. There is no formal written examination for this certification level.

Candidates must achieve a score of 75% on the Wilderness Guide Practical Assessment (WGPA), which is conducted by a Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) or higher:

- (a) over the course of 5 days, or;
- (b) during the formal course as per Section 3.4.3.

3.7. Renewal

Certifications that are Active as of 31 December 2018, or issued as of 01 January 2019, no longer require renewal and remain in force as long as currency requirements are maintained and documented.

Certifications that were not active as of 31 December 2018 have been cancelled.

Willfully misrepresenting compliance with currency requirements for any level of certification shall result in certification revocation.

3.8. Currency Requirements

Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) certification remains in force, as long as the following conditions are met:

- (a) Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) issued prior to 01 January 2019 was renewed as required.
- (b) Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) holds an Advanced Wilderness & Remote First Aid certification (minimum 40 hours), issued within the last three years.

- (c) Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) holds liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000, with PAWGI listed as an additional insured party, unless Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) resides and operates entirely outside of North America.
 - (d) Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) completes a comprehensive review of current PAWGI General Standards at least once every calendar year
 - (e) Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) complies with all standards, procedures, guidelines, and bulletins established by PAWGI.
 - (f) Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) maintains a record of all currency requirements to be produced to PAWGI on request.
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3.9. Identification of Certification

Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) certification holders may display their level of certification after their name, as per the following format:

- (a) Certified Wilderness Guide, or;
 - (b) CWG
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3.10. Suspension of Privileges

Certified Wilderness Guides (CWG) shall not exercise the privileges of the certification held unless all currency requirements are fulfilled. Failure to comply with currency requirements at any time shall result in the immediate and automatic suspension or revocation of certification privileges.

4. Certified Wilderness Guide - South America (CWG-SA)

4.1. Privileges

Certified Wilderness Guides - South America (CWG-SA) may organize and conduct day and multi-day land expeditions in any tropical/jungle area of Central and South America (specifically limited to Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Panama, as well as Brazil, Columbia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname, and Venezuela) suitable for their skill and experience level,

excluding activities involving travel on glaciers or permanent snow, climbing, or the use of hands and body for balance.

4.2. Eligibility

Candidates for the Certified Wilderness Guide - South America (CWG-SA) certification must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be 18 years of age or older,
- (b) Be physically fit and not present any counter indication to exercise.

4.3. Performance Criteria

Candidates must demonstrate thorough theoretical and practical knowledge of the following subjects:

4.3.1. Trip Assessment

4.3.1.2. Regulatory Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) outline the required registrations;
- (b) outline the required Licenses;
- (c) outline the required permits; and
- (d) outline all other legal requirements necessary to undertake a given trip.

4.3.1.2. Environmental Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) define any environmental conflict arising out of undertaking a trip in a given area; and
- (b) mitigate any environmental conflict arising out of undertaking a trip in a given area.

4.3.1.3. Climate Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify general climate trends for the area where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (b) identify seasonal climate trends for the area where the trip is to be undertaken; and
- (c) Assess climate suitability for the area where the trip is to be undertaken.

4.3.1.4. Water Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) assess the availability of water in the area where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (b) identify the location of available water where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (c) identify the pathogens that could be present in water; and
- (d) evaluate treatment options in order to make the water suitable for human consumption.

4.3.1.5. Transportation Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the mode of transport required to reach the area where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (b) identify the availability of such mode of transport; and
- (c) identify the viability of such mode of transport.

4.3.1.6. Participants Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the age group of the participants;
- (b) identify the physical fitness level of the participants;
- (c) identify the experience level of the participants; and
- (d) identify any potential medical condition for each participant.

4.3.2. Route Selection

4.3.2.1. Terrain Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the general terrain features of the area where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (b) assess the suitability of the terrain for the undertaking of the intended trip;

4.3.2.2. Suitability of Route

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify a route that is suitable for the trip to be undertaken;
- (b) identify a route that is suitable for the level of fitness and experience of the participants;
- (c) identify a route that is suitable for the season; and

(d) identify a route that will allow evacuation in the event of an emergency.

4.3.2.3. Distance of Travel

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately evaluate distances on a map;
- (b) accurately adjust distances based on topographic lines; and
- (c) efficiently plan daily distances to be covered based on the circumstances, including participants' level of fitness and experience.

4.3.2.4. Time Allocated for Travel

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately evaluate travel times based on a map;
- (b) accurately evaluate travel times based on elevation gains and losses; and
- (c) accurately and efficiently allocate time for travel based on the circumstances, including participants' level of fitness and experience.

4.3.2.5. Protection against Insects

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) effectively select a route with the least insect exposure;
- (b) effectively plan the route in order to avoid travel in insect-ridden areas during peak insect activity time; and
- (c) efficiently select a route that avoids areas such as bogs and marshes.

4.3.2.6. Difficulty Level Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess the difficulty level of a chosen route based on the circumstances, including participants' level of fitness and experience; and
- (b) effectively assess a suitable difficulty level based on the circumstances, including level of fitness and experience.

4.3.3. Self Assessment

4.4.3.1. Skills

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess his/her own skills; and
- (b) effectively and accurately assess the suitability and sufficiency of such skills for the trip to be undertaken.

4.3.3.2. Knowledge

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess his/her own knowledge; and
- (b) effectively and accurately assess the suitability and sufficiency of such knowledge for the trip to be undertaken.

4.3.3.3. Experience

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess his/her own experience in similar or identical environments; and
- (b) effectively and accurately assess the suitability and sufficiency of such experience for the trip to be undertaken.

4.3.3.4. Shortfalls

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess his/her own shortfalls; and
- (b) effectively and accurately evaluate the potential consequences of such shortfalls for the trip to be undertaken.

4.3.3.5. Training

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately identify any additional or remedial training needed for the trip to be undertaken; and
- (b) effectively and accurately identify a suitable method to acquire any additional or remedial training before undertaking the trip.

4.3.4. Risk Management

4.3.4.1. Identification of Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately identify all known hazards inherent to wilderness environments; and
- (b) accurately identify most possible hazards specific to the trip to be undertaken.

4.3.4.2. Assessment of Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) accurately assess the severity of each hazard previously identified, under the circumstances;
- (b) accurately assess the controllability of each hazard previously identified, under the circumstances; and
- (c) accurately assess and color-code each hazard previously identified.

4.3.4.3. Theoretical Management of Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) develop managing plans for hazards based on their color;
- (b) eliminate red hazards;
- (c) develop safety policies;
- (d) develop emergency procedures;
- (e) pre-screen participants; and
- (f) disclose hazards to participants.

4.3.4.4. Awareness of Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) detect hazards on the fields;
- (b) detect hazards that were previously identified at the planning stage; and
- (c) anticipate hazards, whether or not previously identified at the planning stage.

4.3.4.5. Actual Management of Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) apply previously developed managing plans for the identified hazards;
- (b) effectively eliminate red hazards;
- (c) apply previously developed safety policies;
- (d) apply previously developed emergency procedures; and
- (e) brief participants on an ongoing basis about hazards as they surface.

4.3.5. Trip Preparation

4.3.5.1. Participants Screening

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) screen participants based on any pre-existing medical condition;
- (b) screen participants based on physical fitness;
- (c) screen participants based on background; and
- (d) screen participants based on experience.

4.3.5.2. Clothing

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify clothing type suitable for the trip to be undertaken;
- (b) identify the advantages and inconveniences of various fabrics;
- (c) identify the needs for clothing based on weight and volume limitations;
- (d) effectively assess the quantity and variety of clothing required for the trip to be undertaken; and
- (e) effectively identify the type of clothing required for effective protection against the elements.

4.3.5.3. Equipment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the type of equipment required for the trip to be undertaken;
- (b) identify the advantages and inconveniences of various types of equipment;
- (c) identify the needs for equipment based on weight and volume limitations;
- (d) effectively select the equipment most suitable for the trip to be undertaken;
- (e) effectively operate general equipment; and
- (f) effectively operate safety and emergency equipment.

4.3.5.4. Food

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) assess the nutritional needs of the group based on the trip to be undertaken;
- (b) assess the type of food needed based on the trip to be undertaken;
- (c) assess the quantity of food needed for the trip to be undertaken;
- (d) evaluate the quantity of food needed based on volume and weight limitations;
- (e) effectively select the type and amount of food required based on the circumstances.

4.3.5.5. Water

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) assess the availability of water in the area where the trip is to be undertaken;
- (b) identify the potential water contaminants in the area where the trip is to be undertaken; and
- (c) select a suitable water filtration system based on the circumstances.

4.3.6. Pre-Departure

4.3.6.1. Participants Liability Release

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure all participants fill out a liability release prior to participating in any activity;
- (b) ensure all participants understand the liability release, without attempting to interpret the terms of the release; and
- (c) ensure all participants execute the release in an environment conducive for the execution of legal documents.

4.3.6.2. Participants Medical Questionnaire

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure all participants fill out a medical questionnaire prior to participating in any activity;
- (b) ensure all participants understand the medical questionnaire;
- (c) ensure the medical questionnaire is signed by a doctor in the event the participant answered yes to any question; and
- (d) ensure all participants answer the medical questionnaire in an environment conducive for the execution of legal documents.

4.3.6.3. Participants Allergies and Medications

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure all participants fully disclose in writing any allergy they may suffer;
- (b) ensure all participants fully disclose in writing any medication they may require during the trip;
- (c) ensure any required and prescribed medication is packed for the trip; and
- (d) ensure that participants provide an emergency contact.

4.3.6.4. Participants Equipment Check

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) check that the participants are in possession of all the required clothing and equipment;
- (b) check the suitability of such clothing and equipment; and
- (c) remedy any shortfall in required clothing and equipment.

4.3.6.5. Participants Food & Supplies Check

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) verify that each participant carries sufficient food & supplies; and
- (b) verify that such food and supplies is properly packed based on the trip to be undertaken.

4.3.6.6. Participants Briefings

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure all participants understand the risks associated with the trip to be undertaken;
- (b) ensure all participants are effectively briefed with respect to existing safety procedures;
- (c) ensure all participants are effectively briefed with respect to existing safety policies; and
- (d) ensure all participants are effectively briefed about the general aspects of the trip to be undertaken.

4.3.6.7. Guide Equipment Check

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) check that he/she is in possession of all the required personal and general clothing and equipment;
- (b) check the suitability of such personal and general clothing and equipment; and
- (c) remedy any shortfall in required personal and general clothing and equipment.

4.3.6.8. Guide Check List

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure that the guide check list is fully performed; and
- (b) ensure that any issue detected during the completion of the checklist is remedied.

4.3.6.9. Guide Equipment Check

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure an emergency plan is effectively and accurately filled out;
- (b) ensure that two copies of the emergency plan are filled out;
- (c) ensure a copy of the emergency plan is left with the emergency coordinator or trustworthy person; and
- (d) ensure such coordinator or person understands the purpose of the emergency plan and when/how to activate a rescue.

4.3.7. Navigation

4.3.7.1. Map Reading

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) understand the difference in details between maps of different scales, namely 1:250000 and 1:50000;
- (b) effectively evaluate terrain and elevation based on topographic lines;
- (c) establish one's position on a map based on features;
- (d) establish one's position on a map based on coordinates; and
- (e) establish coordinates based on one's position on a map.

4.3.7.2. Compass Use

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) use a compass without interference;
- (b) determine direction based on compass reading;
- (c) take bearings; and
- (d) plot a route of travel on a map.

4.3.7.3. Headings

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) understand true headings;
- (b) understand magnetic headings; and
- (c) understand the difference between true and magnetic headings.

4.3.7.4. Magnetic Declinations

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify whether the magnetic declination is East or West based on the region of travel;
- (b) convert true heading to magnetic heading; and
- (c) convert magnetic heading to true heading.

4.3.7.5. Map Reading

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) understand the Global Positioning System;
- (b) understand how to set way points;
- (c) understand how to reach way points; and
- (d) make effective use of a GPS.

4.3.7.6. Celestial Navigation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the pole-star;
- (b) follow a north heading based on the pole-star; and
- (c) follow any other heading based on the pole-star.

4.3.8. Food & Water

4.3.8.1. Water Treatment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) effectively use the water treatment system selected; and
- (b) ensure all participants only consume treated water.

4.3.8.2. Food Handling

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) handle food as to avoid any bacterial or viral contamination;
- (b) handle food as to avoid clothing contamination; and
- (c) handle food as to minimize smells.

4.3.8.3. Food Preparation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) prepare food as to avoid any bacterial or viral contamination;
- (b) prepare food as to avoid clothing contamination;
- (c) prepare food as to minimize smells; and
- (d) Prepare food as to avoid waste.

4.3.8.4. Food Storage

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) store food as to minimize smells;
- (b) store food as to minimize spoilage; and
- (c) store food as to prevent access from wildlife.

4.3.8.5. Waste Management

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) minimize waste;
- (b) pack all waste;
- (c) wash all utensils without contamination of any source of water; and
- (d) dispose of all waste upon completion of the trip.

4.3.9. Camp

4.3.9.1. Camp Site Selection

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) select a camp site before dusk;
- (b) select a camp site in a suitable area;
- (c) select a camp site away from hazards;
- (d) select a camp site with access to water; and
- (e) minimize environmental impact when setting up the campsite.

4.3.9.2. Camp Site Set Up

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) fully set up the camp site before dusk;
- (b) assist participants in setting up their tent; and
- (c) efficiently organizing the camp site.

4.3.9.3. Camp Site Tidiness

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) maintain the camp site organized at all times;
- (b) maintain the camp site clean at all times; and
- (c) effectively store all equipment to prevent unnecessary exposure to the elements.

4.3.9.4. Human Waste Management

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) effectively brief participants about human waste management;
- (b) ensure human wastes are kept away from the camp;
- (c) ensure human wastes are kept away from any source of water; and
- (d) ensure human wastes are properly disposed of.

4.3.9.5. Personal Hygiene

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) ensure participants maintain good hygiene;
- (b) ensure participants do not develop undue body odors;
- (c) ensure participants do not contaminate water when washing; and
- (d) ensure excellent personal hygiene.

4.3.10. Trip Management

4.3.10.1. Participants Re-Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) continuously re-assess participants for physical fitness;
- (b) continuously re-assess participants for medical condition;
- (c) continuously re-assess participants for fatigue;
- (d) continuously re-assess participants for psychological issues; and
- (e) continuously re-assess participants for participation within the group.

4.3.10.2. Route Re-Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) continuously re-assess the route based on weather conditions;
- (b) continuously re-assess the route based on wildlife activity;
- (c) continuously re-assess the route based on environmental events;
- (d) continuously re-assess the route based on position;
- (e) continuously re-assess the route based on schedule; and
- (f) continuously re-assess the route based on participants.

4.3.10.3. Weather Assessment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) continuously assess the weather conditions;
- (b) anticipate adverse weather conditions; and
- (c) effectively react to weather conditions.

4.3.10.4. Hazard Anticipation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) continuously anticipate hazards;
- (b) continuously brief participants about possible hazards; and
- (c) effectively manage anticipated hazards.

4.3.10.5. Situational Awareness

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) remain aware of his or her surroundings;
- (b) remain aware of developing situations; and
- (c) remain aware of the participants needs.

4.3.10.6. Decision Making

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) effectively take decisions;
- (b) effectively use authority to apply and enforce decisions when warranted; and
- (c) effectively involve the group in the decision making process when practical.

4.3.10.7. Communications

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) effectively communicate with the participants;
- (b) effectively communicate with other staff members; and
- (c) communicate in a respectful and diplomatic manner.

4.3.11. Wilderness Hazards

4.3.11.1. Mild Hypothermia

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to mild hypothermia;
- (b) recognize the first signs of mild hypothermia; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of mild hypothermia.

4.3.11.2. Moderate Hypothermia

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to moderate hypothermia;
- (b) recognize the first signs of moderate hypothermia; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of moderate hypothermia.

4.3.11.3. Severe Hypothermia

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to severe hypothermia;

- (b) recognize the first signs of severe hypothermia; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of severe hypothermia.

4.3.11.4. Heat Exhaustion

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) Avoid the circumstances that could lead to heat exhaustion;
- (b) recognize the first signs of heat exhaustion; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of heat exhaustion.

4.3.11.5. Heat Stroke

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to heat stroke;
- (b) recognize the first signs of heat stroke; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of heat stroke.

4.3.11.6. Falls through Ice

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a fall through ice;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a fall through ice; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a fall through ice.

4.3.11.7. Falls in Crevasse

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a fall in a crevasse;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a fall in a crevasse; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a fall through a crevasse.

4.3.11.8. Falls in Water

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a fall in the water;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a fall in the water;
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a fall in the water; and
- (d) demonstrate correct techniques to cross rivers in order to avoid a fall in the water or mitigate the effects of such fall.

4.3.11.9. Falls from Scrambling Terrain

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a fall from scrambling terrain;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a fall from scrambling terrain; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a fall from scrambling terrain.

4.3.11.10. Falls in Deep Mud or Quick Sands

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a fall in deep mud or quick sands;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a fall in deep mud or quick sands; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a fall in deep mud or quick sands.

4.3.11.11. Burial in Avalanches

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a burial in an avalanche;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a burial in an avalanche;
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a burial in an avalanche;
- (d) check avalanche report; and
- (e) carry an avalanche beacon.

4.3.11.12. Rock and Mud Slides

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a rock or mud slide;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a rock or mud slide; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a rock or mud slide.

4.3.11.13. Tidal Movements

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to being caught in tidal movements;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to being caught in tidal movements;
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a tidal movement; and
- (d) carry tide tables at all times when traveling in an area affected by tidal movement.

4.3.11.14. Brush and Forest Fires

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a brush or forest fire;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a brush or forest fire; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a brush or forest fire.

4.3.11.15. Blizzards and Snow Storms

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to being caught in a blizzard or snow storm;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to being caught in a blizzard or snow storm; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a blizzard or snow storm.

4.3.11.16. Thundershowers and Lightning

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to a thundershower and lightning;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to a thundershower and lightning; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of a thundershower and lightning.

4.3.11.17. Fog and Low Lying Clouds

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to being caught in fog or low lying clouds;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to being caught in fog or low lying clouds; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of fog or low lying clouds.

4.3.11.18. Flash Flooding

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to flash flooding;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to flash flooding; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of flash flooding.

4.3.11.19. Float Planes

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the risks associated with float planes;
- (b) follow safety procedures and guidelines when traveling with float planes; and
- (c) identify egress procedures in the event of an accident.

4.3.11.20. Helicopters

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the risks associated with helicopters;
- (b) follow safety procedures and guidelines when traveling by helicopter; and
- (c) follow safety procedures and guidelines when approaching, loading, or unloading helicopters.

4.3.11.21. Other Region-Specific Hazards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid the circumstances that could lead to specific hazards;
- (b) recognize the conditions that could lead to specific hazards; and
- (c) take immediate corrective action in the event of specific hazards.

4.3.12. Wildlife Management

4.3.12.1. Black and Brown Bears

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify black and brown bears;
- (b) brief participants about black and brown bears;
- (c) minimize interactions with black and brown bears; and
- (d) understand procedures in the event of a black or brown bear attack.

4.3.12.2. Polar Bears

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify polar bears;
- (b) brief participants about polar bears;
- (c) minimize interactions with polar bears; and
- (d) understand procedures in the event of a polar bear attack.

4.3.12.3. Cougars

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify cougars;
- (b) brief participants about cougars;
- (c) minimize interactions with cougars; and
- (d) understand procedures in the event of a cougar attack.

4.3.12.4. Other Region-Specific Predators

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify region-specific predators;
- (b) brief participants about such predators;
- (c) minimize interactions with such predators; and
- (d) understand procedures in the event of a predator attack.

4.3.12.5. Wildlife Harassment

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify what constitutes wildlife harassment;
- (b) brief participants about wildlife harassment; and
- (c) Prevent wildlife harassment.

4.3.12.6. Wildlife Feeding

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) brief participants about wildlife feeding;
- (b) prevent participants from feeding wildlife; and
- (c) prevent wildlife from accessing food.

4.3.13. Interpretation

4.3.13.1. Plants, Trees and Shrubs

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major plants, trees and shrubs; and
- (b) inform participants about plants, trees and shrubs.

4.3.13.2. Mammals

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major mammals; and
- (b) inform participants about mammals.

4.3.13.3. Birds

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) Identify birds; and
- (b) inform participants about birds.

4.3.13.4. Fish

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major fish; and
- (b) inform participants about fish.

4.3.13.5. Amphibians

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major amphibians; and
- (b) inform participants about amphibians.

4.3.13.6. Geography and Geology

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major geographical and geological events of the area; and
- (b) inform participants about geographical and geological events.

4.3.13.7. Astronomy

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify major astronomy events, such as auroras borealis, constellations and moon phases; and
- (b) inform participants about astronomy events.

4.3.13.8. Cultural Interpretation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the First Nations of the area;
- (b) Identify the major cultural features of the First Nations of the area; and
- (c) inform participants about First Nations.

4.3.13.9. Regional Interpretation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify regional features; and
- (b) inform participants about regional features.

4.3.13.10. Law Interpretation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify laws and regulations as they apply to the area; and
- (b) inform participants about laws and regulations.

4.3.14. Wilderness Survival

4.3.14.1. Psychology of Survival

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the main psychological elements of survival; and
- (b) identify the main psychological enemies of survival.

4.3.14.2. Shelters

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various types of shelters;
- (b) identify the most suitable type of shelter under the circumstances; and
- (c) effectively build a shelter.

4.3.14.3. Signals

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the main signals; and
- (b) Effectively create a signal.

4.3.14.4. Fire Methods

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various fire methods;
- (b) identify the most suitable fire method under the circumstances; and
- (c) effectively build a fire.

4.3.14.5. Water

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various methods of obtaining drinkable water;
- (b) identify the most suitable method of obtaining drinking water under the circumstances; and
- (c) effectively obtain drinking water.

4.3.14.6. Food

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various methods of obtaining food;
- (b) identify the most suitable method of obtaining food under the circumstances; and
- (c) effectively obtain food.

4.3.14.7. Poisonous Plants

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various methods of assessing whether a plant is poisonous; and
- (b) Identify the major poisonous plants in the area.

4.3.14.7. Poisonous Animal Parts

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify various methods of assessing whether an animal is poisonous; and
- (b) Identify the animals or animal parts that are poisonous in the area.

4.3.14.9. Mushrooms

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) avoid consuming mushrooms; and
- (b) pointing out unidentified mushrooms.

4.3.15. Sustainability & Conservation

4.3.15.1. Resource Conservation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify current resource conservation issues;
- (b) identify methods for mitigating resource conservation issues; and
- (c) communicate with participants about resource conservation issues.

4.3.15.2. Wildlife Conservation

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify current wildlife resource conservation issues;
- (b) identify methods for mitigating wildlife conservation issues; and
- (c) communicate with participants about wildlife conservation issues.

4.3.15.3. Environmentally Sustainable Practices

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify environmentally sustainable practices;
- (b) apply environmentally sustainable practices; and
- (c) communicate with participants about environmentally sustainable practices.

4.3.16. Emergency Management

4.3.16.1. Twisted Ankle

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

4.3.16.2. Broken Leg

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

4.3.16.3. Hypothermia

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other

participants and staff members;
(d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
(e) call a rescue if warranted.

4.3.16.4. Animal Attack

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

(a) identify the problem;
(b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
(c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
(d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
(e) call a rescue if warranted.

4.3.16.5. Blizzards

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

(a) identify the problem;
(b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
(c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
(d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
(e) call a rescue if warranted.

4.3.16.6. Lost Participant and/or Party

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

(a) identify the problem;
(b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
(c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
(d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
(e) call a rescue if warranted.

4.3.16.7. Unreachable Participant

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

(a) identify the problem;
(b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
(c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
(d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and

(e) call a rescue if warranted.

4.3.16.8. Death of Participant

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

4.3.16.9. Other Region-Specific Emergencies

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify the problem;
- (b) accurately assess the seriousness of the problem;
- (c) effectively use all available resources, including assistance from other participants and staff members;
- (d) effectively manage the problem at the expedition level; and
- (e) call a rescue if warranted.

4.3.17. Outdoor Leadership

4.3.17.1. Group Dynamics

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify fundamental group dynamic concepts; and
- (b) effectively apply group dynamic concepts.

4.3.17.2. Group Management

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify fundamental group management concepts; and
- (b) effectively apply group management concepts.

4.3.17.3. Communications

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify fundamental communication concepts;
- (b) effectively apply communication concepts; and

(c) effectively communicate.

4.3.17.4. Conflict Resolution

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify fundamental conflict resolution concepts;
- (b) effectively apply conflict resolution concepts; and
- (c) effectively resolve conflict.

4.3.17.5. Problem Solving

Assessment will be based on the candidate's ability to:

- (a) identify fundamental problem solving concepts;
- (b) effectively apply problem solving concepts; and
- (c) effectively solve problems.

4.4. Learning Options

Candidates may select any or a combination of the following options:

4.4.1. Formal Course:

Candidates may participate in courses offered by a Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) or higher. Such course shall include no less than 14 days in a wilderness environment, and no less than 40 hours of instruction.

Wilderness is defined as per Aldo Leopold, as "a continuous stretch of country preserved in its natural state, open to lawful hunting and fishing, big enough to absorb a two weeks' pack trip, and kept devoid of road, artificial trails, cottages, or other works of man."

4.5. Recommended Materials

Recommended materials are at the discretion of individual Certified Wilderness Instructors (CWI).

4.6. Assessment & Certification

Candidates are primarily assessed on their practical knowledge of all subjects outlined in Section 4.3. There is no formal written examination for this certification level.

Candidates must achieve a score of 75% on the Wilderness Guide Practical Assessment (WGPA), which is conducted by a Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) or higher:

- (a) over the course of 5 days, or;
- (b) during the formal course as per Section 4.4.1.

4.7. Upgrade

The Certified Wilderness Guide - South America (CWG-SA) can be upgraded to a regular Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) certification, upon obtaining an overall passing score of 80% on the Wilderness Guide General Examination (WGGE) specific to the region of their choice

4.8. Renewal

Certifications that are Active as of 31 December 2018, or issued as of 01 January 2019, no longer require renewal and remain in force as long as currency requirements are maintained and documented.

Certifications that were not active as of 31 December 2018 have been cancelled.

4.9. Currency Requirements

Certified Wilderness Guide - South America (CWG-SA) certification remains in force, as long as the following conditions are met:

- (a) Certification holder maintains Wilderness First Aid skills.
- (b) Certified Wilderness Guide - South America (CWG-SA) complies with all standards, procedures, guidelines, and bulletins established by PAWGI.
- (c) Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) completes a comprehensive review of current PAWGI General Standards at least once every calendar year

- (d) Certified Wilderness Guide - South America (CWG-SA) maintains a record of all currency requirements to be produced to PAWGI on request.

4.10. Identification of Certification

Certified Wilderness Guide - South America (CWG-SA) certification holders may display their level of certification after their name, as per the following format:

- (a) Certified Wilderness Guide - South America, or;
(b) CWG-SA

4.11. Suspension of Privileges

Certified Wilderness Guides - South America (CWG-SA) shall not exercise the privileges of the certification held unless all currency requirements are fulfilled. Failure to comply with currency requirements at any time shall result in the immediate and automatic suspension of certification privileges.

5. Certified Specialized Guide (CSG)

5.1. Privileges

Certified Specialized Guides (CSG) may organize and conduct day and multi-day land expeditions in any area suitable for their skill and experience level, excluding activities involving travel on glaciers or permanent snow, climbing, or the use of hands and body for balance.

They may also organize and conduct expeditions, as well as teach courses to the public, if applicable, as per their area(s) of specialization (as per Section 5.3.)

5.2. Eligibility

Candidates for the Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) certification must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be 19 years of age or older,

- (b) Hold a PAWGI Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) certification in Active status,
- (c) Hold a current Advanced Wilderness & Remote First Aid certification (minimum 40 hours), issued within the last three years, and;
- (d) Be physically fit and not present any counter indication to exercise.

5.3. Specializations

The following specializations are recognized by PAWGI as specializations for Certified Specialized Guides (CSG):

5.3.1. Archery

Certified Specialized Guides with Archery specialization (BOW) may conduct archery expeditions, as well as teach archery skills to the public.

5.3.2. Arctic

Certified Specialized Guides with Arctic specialization (ARC) may conduct Arctic expeditions, as well as teach arctic expeditionary skills to the public.

5.3.3. Coastal

Certified Specialized Guides with Coastal specialization (COA) may conduct coastal expeditions, as well as teach coastal expeditionary skills to the public.

5.3.4. Desert

Certified Specialized Guides with Desert specialization (DES) may conduct Desert expeditions, as well as teach desert expeditionary skills to the public.

5.3.5. Dog Sledding

Certified Specialized Guides with Dog Sledding specialization (SLD) may conduct dog-sledding expeditions, as well as teach dog sledding courses to the public.

5.3.6. Fishing:

Certified Specialized Guides with Fishing specialization (FSH) may conduct fishing expeditions, as well as teach fishing courses to the public.

5.3.7. Hunting For Food

Certified Specialized Guides with Hunting For Food specialization (HTF) may teach hunting for food courses to the public. This specialization only covers hunting for the purpose of securing food, and specifically excludes trophy or sport hunting.

5.3.8. Jungle

Certified Specialized Guides with Jungle specialization (JUN) may conduct Jungle expeditions, as well as teach jungle expeditionary skills to the public.

5.3.9. Mountain

Certified Specialized Guides with Mountain specialization (MTN) may conduct Mountain expeditions, as well as teach Mountain expeditionary skills to the public. Activities involving travel on glaciers or permanent snow, climbing, or the use of hands and body for balance are excluded.

5.3.10. National Park (Park Specific)

Certified Specialized Guides with a specific National Park specialization (PRK) may conduct expeditions in the specific National Park listed in their specialization, as well as teach courses to the public relating to the specific National Park listed in their specialization.

5.3.11. Off-Roading

Certified Specialized Guides with Off-Roading specialization (OFR) may conduct off-roading expeditions, as well as teach off-roading courses to the public.

5.3.12. Search and Rescue

Certified Specialized Guides with Search and Rescue specialization (SAR) may teach Search and Rescue courses to the public.

5.3.13. Survival

Certified Specialized Guides with Survival specialization (SUR) may conduct survival expeditions, as well as teach survival courses to the public.

5.3.14. Tracking:

Certified Specialized Guides with Tracking specialization (TRK) may conduct Tracking expeditions, as well as teach Tracking courses to the public.

5.3.15. Traditional (Inuit, Norse, Same, etc...):

Certified Specialized Guides with Traditional specialization (TRD) may conduct Tracking expeditions, as well as teach Traditional courses to the public.

5.3.16. Wilderness First Aid

Certified Specialized Guides with Wilderness First Aid specialization (WFA) may teach Wilderness First Aid courses to the public.

5.3.17. Wildlife

Certified Specialized Guides with Wildlife specialization (WLD) may conduct Wildlife expeditions, as well as teach wildlife courses to the public.

5.3.18. Wildlife Safety

Certified Specialized Guides with Wildlife Safety specialization (SFY) may teach wildlife safety courses to the public.

5.3.19. Winter

Certified Specialized Guides with Winter specialization (WIN) may conduct Winter expeditions, as well as teach winter expeditionary skills to the public.

5.4. Recommended Materials

Recommended materials are at the discretion of individual Certified Specialized Guide (CSG).

5.5. Courses to the Public

When a specialization allows for the teaching of courses to the public, a course outline must be submitted to PAWGI for approval before the conducting of the course as a Certified Specialized Guide (CSG).

5.6. Instructor Level Courses

When a specialization allows for the teaching of courses to the public, an instructor-level

course outline must be submitted to PAWGI for approval before the conducting of the instructor-level course as a Certified Specialized Guide (CSG).

5.7. Assessment & Certification

Assessment & Certification is based on each specialization, as follow:

5.7.1. Archery

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher, or;
- Demonstrated experience and mastery in traditional archery

5.7.2. Arctic

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher, or;
- Overnight winter arctic trips totaling 28 days, or day trips totaling 56 days, and;
- Winter Specialization

5.7.3. Coastal

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher, or;
- Overnight coastal trips totaling 28 days, or day trips totaling 56 days

5.7.4. Desert

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher, or;
- Overnight desert trips totaling 28 days, or day trips totaling 56 days

5.7.5. Dog Sledding

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher with Dog Sledding specialization, or;
- Overnight dog sledding trips totaling 28 days, or day trips totaling 56 days, and;
- Avalanche Skills Training Level 2 or higher (Canadian Avalanche Association), and;
- Annual inspection of dogs and facilities by CWIT or approved veterinarian

5.7.6. Fishing

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher with Fishing specialization, or;
- Fishing/Angling License issued by a recognized jurisdiction

5.7.7. Hunting (for food)

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher with Hunting For Food specialization, or;
- Shooting Instructor certification from an approved organization, and;
- Firearm Possession and Acquisition License or equivalent

5.7.8. Jungle

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher, or;
- Overnight jungle trips totaling 28 days, or day trips totaling 56 days

5.7.9. Mountain

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher, or;
- Overnight mountain trips totaling 28 days, or day trips totaling 56 days

5.7.10. National Park (Park Specific)

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher with specific National Park specialization, or;
- Guiding License issued by Parks Canada for a specific park

5.7.11. Off-Roading

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher with Off-Roading specialization, or;
- Overnight off-roading trips totaling 28 days, or day trips totaling 56 days

5.7.12. Search and Rescue

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher with Search and Rescue specialization, or;
- Search and Rescue course by approved educational institution, or;
- Search and Rescue course by approved Search and Rescue Unit

5.7.13. Survival

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher with Survival specialization, or;
- Survival Instructor certification from an approved organization, or;
- Advanced military survival training

5.7.14. Tracking

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher, or;
- Documented experience in tracking

5.7.15. Traditional (Inuit, Norse, Same, etc...):

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher, or;
- Cultural knowledge through ancestry

5.7.16. Wilderness First Aid

- Wilderness First Aid Instructor certification from an approved organization, or;
- Wilderness First Air Course outline approved by PAWGI

5.7.17. Wildlife

- Combination of 3 (three) species-specific approved instructor-level courses by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher with Wildlife specialization, or;
- Fisheries, Wildlife, or Natural Resources-related Diploma or higher from a recognized educational institution

5.7.18. Wildlife Safety

- Combination of 3 (three) species-specific approved instructor-level courses by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher with Wildlife Safety specialization, or;
- Combination of 3 (three) species-specific Wildlife Safety courses by a recognized organization

5.7.19. Winter

- Approved instructor-level course by a Certified Specialized Guide or higher, or;
- Overnight winter trips totaling 28 days, or day trips totaling 56 days, and;
- Avalanche Skills Training Level 2 or higher (Canadian Avalanche Association)

5.8. Restricted Specializations

A restricted specialization may be obtained with a specialization course which does not meet instructor-level standards, and which is otherwise designed for the public, or when personal/professional experience in a given specialization is deemed insufficient by PAWGI. Restricted specializations allow Certified Specialized Guides (CSG) to organize and conduct expeditions as per their specialization (as per Section 4.3.) but they do not allow Certified Specialized Guides (CSG) to teach courses to the public, as per their specialization (as per Section 4.3.)

5.9. Renewal

Certifications that are Active as of 31 December 2018, or issued as of 01 January 2019, no longer require renewal and remain in force as long as currency requirements are maintained and documented.

Certifications that were not active as of 31 December 2018 have been cancelled.

Willfully misrepresenting compliance with currency requirements for any level of certification shall result in certification revocation.

5.10. Currency Requirements

Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) certification remains in force, as long as the following conditions are met:

- (a) Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) issued prior to 01 January 2019 was renewed as required.
- (b) Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) holds a current Advanced Wilderness & Remote First Aid certification (minimum 40 hours), issued within the last three years.
- (c) Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) holds liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000, with PAWGI listed as an additional insured party, unless Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) resides and operates entirely outside of North America.
- (d) Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) completes a comprehensive review of current PAWGI General Standards at least once every calendar year
- (e) Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) complies with all standards, procedures, guidelines, and bulletins established by PAWGI.
- (f) Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) maintains a record of all currency requirements to be produced to PAWGI on request.

5.11. Identification of Certification

Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) certification holders may display their level of certification after their name, as per the following format:

- (a) Certified Specialized Guide,
- (b) CSG,
- (c) Certified Specialized Guide (specializations),
- (d) CSG (specializations),
- (e) Certified Wilderness Guide (specializations), or;
- (f) CWG (specializations)

5.12. Suspension of Privileges

Certified Specialized Guides (CSG) shall not exercise the privileges of the certification held unless all currency requirements are fulfilled. Failure to comply with currency requirements at any time shall result in the immediate and automatic suspension of certification privileges.

6. Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI)

6.1. Privileges

Certified Wilderness Instructors (CWI) may organize and conduct day and multi-day land expeditions in any area suitable for their skill and experience level, excluding activities involving travel on glaciers or permanent snow, climbing, or the use of hands and body for balance.

They may also organize and conduct expeditions, as well as teach courses to the public, as per their area(s) of specialization (as per Section 5.3.)

In addition, they may train and certify Certified Assistant Guides (CAG) and Certified Wilderness Guides (CWG).

6.2. Eligibility

Candidates for the Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) certification must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be 23 years of age or older,
- (b) Hold a PAWGI Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) certification in Active status with a minimum of two specializations,
- (c) Have a minimum of 3 year experience as a Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG), and/or Certified Specialized Guide (CSG),
- (d) Hold a current Advanced Wilderness & Remote First Aid certification (minimum 40 hours), issued within the last three years,
- (e) Hold a Firearm Possession and Acquisition License, or equivalent (only applies to residents of Canada, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland), and;
- (f) Be physically fit and not present any counter indication to exercise.

6.3. Performance Criteria

Candidates must demonstrate theoretical and practical mastery of all subjects addressed in the Certified Assistant Guide (CAG) and Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) certifications. Candidates must as well demonstrate thorough knowledge of all standards and procedures established by PAWGI.

6.4. Learning Options

Candidates may select any or a combination of the following options:

6.4.1. Supervised Wilderness Guide Courses

Candidates may assist Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainers (CWIT) in the delivery of wilderness guide courses.

6.4.2. Formal Course

Candidates may participate in courses offered by a Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT).

6.5. Recommended Materials

Recommended materials are at the discretion of individual Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainers (CWIT).

6.6. Assessment & Certification

Candidates must attend and pass the Wilderness Instructor Development Course (WIDC) with a minimum mark of 90%. The WIDC is conducted over the course of 7 days by a Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer.

6.7. Renewal

Certifications that are Active as of 31 December 2018, or issued as of 01 January 2019, no longer require renewal and remain in force as long as currency requirements are maintained and documented.

Certifications that were not active as of 31 December 2018 have been cancelled.

Willfully misrepresenting compliance with currency requirements for any level of certification shall result in certification revocation.

6.8. Currency Requirements

Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) certification remains in force, as long as the following conditions are met:

- (a) Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) issued prior to 01 January 2019 was renewed as required.
- (b) Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) holds a current Advanced Wilderness & Remote First Aid certification (minimum 40 hours), issued within the last
- (c) Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) holds liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000, with PAWGI listed as an additional insured party, unless Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) resides and operates entirely outside of North America.
- (d) Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) holds a current firearm Possession and Acquisition License, or equivalent (only applies to residents of Canada, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland)
- (e) Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) completes a comprehensive review of current PAWGI General Standards at least once every calendar year
- (f) Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) complies with all standards, procedures, guidelines, and bulletins established by PAWGI.
- (g) Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) maintains a record of all currency requirements to be produced to PAWGI on request.

6.9. Identification of Certification

Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) certification holders may display their level of certification after their name, as per the following format:

- (a) Certified Wilderness Instructor,
- (b) CWI,
- (c) Certified Wilderness Instructor (specializations), or;
- (d) CWI (specializations)

6.10. Suspension of Privileges

Certified Specialized Instructors (CWI) shall not exercise the privileges of the certification held unless all currency requirements are fulfilled. Failure to comply with currency requirements at any time shall result in the immediate and automatic suspension of certification privileges.

7. Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT)

7.1. Privileges

Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainers (CWIT) may organize and conduct day and multi-day land expeditions in any area suitable for their skill and experience level, excluding activities involving travel on glaciers or permanent snow, climbing, or the use of hands and body for balance.

They may also organize and conduct expeditions, as well as teach courses to the public, as per their specialization (as per Section 5.3.)

In addition, they may train and certify Certified Assistant Guides (CAG), Certified Wilderness Guides (CWG), Certified Specialized Guides (CSG), Certified Wilderness Instructors (CWI), and Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainers (CWIT).

7.2. Eligibility

Candidates for the Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) certification must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Be 26 years of age or older,
- (b) Hold a PAWGI Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) certification in Active status,
- (c) Have certified a minimum of 20 Certified Wilderness Guides (CWG),
- (d) Hold a minimum of 5 Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) specializations,
- (e) Hold a current Advanced Wilderness & Remote First Aid certification (minimum 40 hours), issued within the last three years,
- (f) Hold a Firearm Possession and Acquisition License, or equivalent (only applies to residents of Canada, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland), and;
- (g) Be physically fit and not present any counter indication to exercise.

7.3. Performance Criteria

Candidates must demonstrate theoretical and practical mastery of all subjects addressed in all PAWGI certifications.

Candidates must as well demonstrate thorough knowledge of all standards and procedures established by PAWGI.

7.4. Learning Options

Candidates may select any or a combination of the following options:

7.4.1. Supervised Wilderness Instructor Courses

Candidates may assist Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainers (CWIT) in the delivery of wilderness instructor courses.

7.4.2. Formal Course

Candidates may participate in courses offered by a Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer.

7.5. Recommended Materials

Recommended materials are at the discretion of individual Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainers (CWIT).

7.6. Assessment & Certification

Candidates must attend and pass the Wilderness Instructor Trainer Workshop (WITW) with a minimum mark of 90%. The WITW is conducted over the course of 7 days by a Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer.

7.7. Renewal

Certifications that are Active as of 31 December 2018, or issued as of 01 January 2019, no longer require renewal and remain in force as long as currency requirements are maintained and documented.

Certifications that were not active as of 31 December 2018 have been cancelled.

Willfully misrepresenting compliance with currency requirements for any level of certification shall result in certification revocation.

7.8. Currency Requirements

Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) certification remains in force, as long as the following conditions are met:

- (a) Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) certification issued prior to 01 January 2019 was renewed as required.
- (b) Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) holds a current Advanced Wilderness & Remote First Aid certification (minimum 40 hours), issued within the last three years.
- (c) Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) holds liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000, with PAWGI listed as an additional insured party, unless Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) resides and operates entirely outside of North America.
- (d) Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) holds a current firearm Possession and Acquisition License, or equivalent (only applies to residents of Canada, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland)
- (e) Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) completes a comprehensive review of current PAWGI General Standards at least once every calendar year
- (f) Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) complies with all standards, procedures, guidelines, and bulletins established by PAWGI.
- (g) Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) maintains a record of all currency requirements to be produced to PAWGI on request.

7.9. Identification of Certification

Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) certification holders may display their level of certification after their name, as per the following format:

- (a) Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer,
- (b) CWIT,
- (c) Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (specializations), or;
- (d) CWIT (specializations)

7.10. Suspension of Privileges

Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainers (CWIT) shall not exercise the privileges of the certification held unless all currency requirements are fulfilled. Failure to comply with currency requirements at any time shall result in the immediate and automatic suspension of certification privileges.

8. Certification Status

Certifications shall include one of the following status:

8.1. Active

The certification is compliant with all currency requirements, and it is not otherwise suspended, or revoked. All privileges associated with the certification may be exercised.

8.2. Inactive

The certification is non-compliant with all currency requirements, but it is not otherwise suspended, or revoked. No privilege associated with the certification shall be exercised.

8.3. Suspended

The certification shall be suspended under the following circumstances:

- (a) Certification holder may be involved in a serious violation of PAWGI General Standards;
- (b) Certification holder may have misrepresented compliance with currency requirements for any level of certification held;
- (c) Certification holder may have misrepresented the level of certification held;
- (d) Certification holder may have misrepresented the privileges associated with the level of certification held; or
- (e) Certification holder may have misrepresented material facts on any application to PAWGI;

(f) A Non-Compliance Fee has been assessed and has not been paid.

None of the privileges associated with the certification shall be exercised.

8.4. Revoked

The certification shall be revoked under the following circumstances:

- (a) Certification holder is involved in a serious violation of PAWGI General Standards;
- (b) Certification holder has misrepresented compliance with currency requirements for any level of certification held;
- (c) Certification holder has not paid any fee assessed for non-compliance when such fees are due, and has not made agreeable arrangements to defer payment;
- (d) Certification holder has misrepresented the level of certification held;
- (e) Certification holder has misrepresented the privileges associated with the level of certification held;
- (f) Certification holder has misrepresented material facts on any application to PAWGI;
- (g) Certification holder has been found in a court of law to have committed a serious offense in relation to environmental, fisheries, or wildlife regulations; or
- (h) Certification holder has been found in a court of law to be grossly negligent in relation to his or her duty as a professional guide;
- (i) A Non-Compliance Fee has been assessed and remains unpaid for one full year, and is not the subject of a formal approved agreement to defer payment.

None of the privileges associated with the certification shall be exercised.

9. Professional Code of Conduct

9.1. Respect

- (a) PAWGI Professionals shall respect the environment, animal life, and biological integrity.
- (b) PAWGI Professionals shall not make public derogatory comments about their clients, colleagues, or the Professional Association of Wilderness Guides and Instructors.
- (c) PAWGI Professionals shall respect their clients and colleagues' privacy, and shall only request or store information necessary for the performance of their services, in application of the relevant privacy legislation.

9.2. Integrity

- (a) PAWGI Professionals shall avoid any activity or behavior that could reflect negatively on them or the Professional Association of Wilderness Guides and Instructors.
- (b) PAWGI Professionals shall not compromise their personal or professional integrity.
- (c) PAWGI Professionals shall advise clients and employers when a proposed activity is not in the client's best interest, and provide a rationale for this advice.
- (d) PAWGI Professionals shall be accountable for their actions, and always act within the scope of their authority and certification level.

9.3. Duty of Care

- (a) PAWGI Professionals shall always act in the best interest of their clients and colleagues.
- (b) PAWGI Professionals shall not expose clients or colleagues to any unreasonable risk or danger.
- (c) PAWGI Professionals shall not expose clients or colleagues to any unreasonable physical, mental, or emotional stress.
- (d) PAWGI Professionals shall take all reasonable steps to avoid harming their clients or colleagues, and to minimize harm where it is foreseeable and avoidable.

9.4. Professionalism

- (a) PAWGI Professionals shall keep a clean and well groomed appearance whenever possible.
- (b) PAWGI Professionals shall refrain from consuming alcohol within 12 hours of exercising the privileges of their level of certification.
- (c) PAWGI Professionals shall refrain from consuming illegal drugs.
- (d) PAWGI Professionals shall exercise good judgement at all times.

9.5. Fitness

- (a) PAWGI Professionals shall keep physically fit while exercising the privileges of their level of certification.
- (b) PAWGI Professionals shall keep medically fit while exercising the privileges of their level of certification.

10. Fees

10.1. Certification Fees

PAWGI Certification Fees are as follow:

Certified Assistant Guide (CAG) Certification: No Fee
Certified Wilderness Guide (CWG) Certification: \$195
Certified Specialized Guide (CSG) - Per Specialization: \$195
Certified Wilderness Instructor (CWI) Certification: \$195
Certified Wilderness Instructor Trainer (CWIT) Certification: \$195

10.2. Exam Fees

PAWGI Exam Fees are as follow:

Wilderness Guide General Examination (WGGE): \$195

10.3. Renewal Fees

Renewals are being phased out as of 01 January 2019.

Renewal fees apply until 31 December 2018 and are as follow:

Renewal for a certification renewed for the previous year: \$50
Renewal for a certification not renewed for the previous year: \$195

10.4. Administrative Fees

PAWGI Administrative Fees are as follow:

Certification Record Duplicate: \$15

10.5. Non-Compliance Fees

PAWGI Non-Compliance Fees are as follow:

Non-compliance with currency requirements - First Occurrence: \$195

Non-compliance with currency requirements - Second Occurrence: \$500

Non-compliance with currency requirements - Third Occurrence: \$1,000

Non-compliance with currency requirements - Subsequent Occurrences: \$2,000

10.6. Fee Waivers

Fee waivers are no longer offered.

11. Use of Logo and Licensing Agreement

This license shall extend for the term of an active or inactive certification and shall be terminated forthwith upon change of the said certification status with PAWGI. Certification holders in Active and Inactive status are granted a license to use the PAWGI logo on business cards, letterhead, brochures, advertisements, and web sites.

The license shall not extend to the provision of other printed materials, such as manuals, books, instructions, clothing or products or any other materials, and the PAWGI name shall not be used in internet domain names or e-mail addresses.

The foregoing license for advertising and promotional use shall in all respects follow the exact format, character, general appearance, type style, background and proportions of the trademark originating from PAWGI as per guidelines below. In no case shall the trademark be combined with other marks, symbols, language or be in a format and appearance other than that actually used by PAWGI. The full trademark must be used; truncated or partial use of the trademark is not authorized.

This license shall be personal to the individual Certified Assistant Guide (CAG) certification holder and shall be non-transferable, non-divisible and not capable of being sub-licensed in any manner through any party. The PAWGI name shall not be incorporated into any other trademark or trade name.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, PAWGI and the licensed PAWGI Regional Offices shall have the sole right to disapprove of any promotional materials prepared and shall be the sole judge of the criteria of whether it meets the standard of this license agreement. To this end, any suggestions or requests by authorized members of the PAWGI staff as to

the usage of the trademark shall be complied with as soon as possible to avoid mistakes, deceptions, dilution or other problems that would be detrimental to the foregoing trademark.

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12. Version Code

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