

UK Snowsports

Policy on Recognition of External Qualifications

As a member of the international snowsports community UK Snowsports welcomes coaches, leaders and instructors holding qualifications issued by non UK Snowsports Member Awarding Bodies. Holders of such qualifications can apply to UK Snowsports for recognition of equivalency of their awards. If successful an applicant will be awarded the appropriate level of UK Snowsports qualification and licence and will receive all usual member benefits.

Applicants wishing to apply for equivalency should:

- Firstly Register with a UK snowsports member group [SSE, SNSC or SCOW]
 - Complete the enclosed application form, enclosing two photographs and the current registration fee
- Pay an application fee of £22.00. This fee covers time spent checking and verifying their qualifications
- Be in good standing with their awarding body [they must hold a *current* award]
- Complete the attached application for equivalency, enclosing:
 - A copy of their current licence and certificate [if a certificate is issued]
 - A copy of their current first aid certificate [a current first aid certificate is a requirement for holders of UKSS awards]
 - Contact details for the body awarding the qualification
 - A summary of the award and its range of operation
 - A completed request for disclosure from your awarding body
- On verification of award and equivalency level the member will be required to complete a UKSS member group CRB [Criminal Records Bureau] check – CRB checks from other bodies are not transferable
- Attend an orientation day at a ski centre

On completion of the above the applicant will be awarded the appropriate, equivalent UKSS qualification. On awarding of the appropriate qualification applicants will be required to pay their UKSS member body's annual registration fees, to attend refreshers and courses in the same manner as any other qualified member.

It is not possible to produce an exhaustive list indicating likely equivalency for each and every coaching, leading and instructing award offered throughout the skiing world. Each award is considered on its own merits.

Applicants should use the following table for *guidance* but in the understanding that each application is considered on its own merits and that many awarding bodies review their awards regularly:

Nation	Award	UKSS Award
Any	Any award issued with the ISIA International Stamp	Level 4 and/or level 4 performance coach depending on discipline
Any	Any award issued with the IVSI international Stamp	Level 4 and/or level 4 performance coach depending on discipline
Canada	CSIA Level 1	Level 1
	CSIA Level 2	Level 2, possible direct entry to level 3 assessment
	CSCF Level 1 [Certified]	Level 2 performance, possible direct entry to level 3 assessment
	CSCF Level 2 [Certified]	Level 3 or level 4 performance depending on experience
	CASI Level 1	Level 1
	CASI Level 2	Level 2,
USA	PSIA Level 1	Level 1
	PSIA Level 2	Level 2, possible direct entry to level 3 assessment
	AASI Level 1	Level 1
	AASI Level 2	Level 2, possible direct entry to level 3 assessment
New Zealand	Certificate in ski instruction	Level 1, direct access to level 2 examination
	NZSIA Stage 1 Certification	Level 2
	SBINZ Certificate in snowboard instruction	Level 1, direct access to level 2 examination
	SBINZ Stage 1 Certification	Level 2
Australia	Childrens certificate Course	Level 1 [with endorsement of experience in teaching adults]
	Level 1	Level 1, direct entry to level 2 assessment
	Level 2	Level 2, direct entry to level 3

		assessment
	Childrens certificate snowboard	Level 1 [with endorsement of experience in teaching adults]
	Snowboard Level 1	Level 1, direct entry to level 2 assessment
	Snowboard Level 2	Level 2,
France	Moniteur Federal 1er Degre	Level 2, direct entry to level 3 assessment
Britain	Level 1 Alpine	Level 1
	Level 2 Alpine	Level 2, direct entry to level 3 assessment
	Level 1 Snowboard	Level 1
	Level 2 Snowboard	Level 2,
Austria	Landesskilehrer - Anwarter	Level 2
	Snowboardlehrer - Anwarter	

If you would like to join the UK's awarding body for coaches, leaders and instructors please complete the following forms.

We look forwards to welcoming you into our community and to skiing or riding together.

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About You

<i>Name</i>	
<i>Address</i>	
<i>Telephone</i>	
<i>Telephone Mobile</i>	
<i>E Mail</i>	
<i>Date of Birth</i>	
<i>Summary of your coaching, teaching, leading snowsports experience</i>	
<i>Use additional sheets if needed</i>	
<i>Why are you requesting recognition of your award – this question is for research only [it does not form part of the review of your award]</i>	

Your Qualifications

<i>Name of Qualification</i>	
<i>Registration and/or member number</i>	

<i>Date Qualification awarded</i>	
<i>Date due for next refresher, revalidation or CPD event</i>	
<i>Awarding Body Name</i>	
<i>Awarding Body Address</i>	
<i>Awarding Body Telephone</i>	
<i>Awarding Body E Mail</i>	
<p><i>Award Range of Operation – this is what the award licences you to do, for example;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>to teach beginning skiers and children,</i> ○ <i>to coach skiers at a regional level,</i> ○ <i>to teach all ability levels.</i> <p><i>You may wish to continue on a separate sheet and/or to enclose copies of information from your awarding body.</i></p>	
<i>Length of course [including training and examination]</i>	

Please attach any additional information which you believe might assist us in processing your application.

Checklist:

Have you enclosed:

- Registration form
- Two photographs
- Payment of registration fee
- Completed application form
- Signed declaration
- Copies of your licence and/or certificate
- Additional information from your awarding body
- Signed disclosure request

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Declaration

Please sign and date the following declaration:

I wish to apply for recognition of my existing snowsports qualifications. In doing so I agree that if I am successful I will comply with the relevant codes of practice and guidance as required by UK Snowsports. I will represent myself and UK Snowsports in a positive manner.

I am not aware of any disciplinary procedure or criminal actions pending which might effect adversely UKSS' consideration of this application if they were made known.

In completing this application I believe that the facts I have stated in this application are true and that the opinions I have expressed are correct. I accept that if it is shown that I have attempted to mislead UK Snowsports as to my qualifications this information may be passed to the appropriate authorities.

Signature	Print Name	Date
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FAQ

What benefits do I get from joining UKSS ?

In addition to newsletters and equipment offers you will have extensive professional liability insurance coverage. You will also be able to access UK based training and refresher courses. Employers will be clear as to the level of your UK qualification in a way they may not when considering an overseas award.

I have applied, how long will it take to hear from you ?

That depends on a number of factors; we'll deal with your application as quickly as possible.

Why do I need ANOTHER CRB check and who can sign the form ?

We have an over riding duty to our skiers and snowboarders and the advice we have been given is that a CRB should be completed by each applicant. The form can be signed by any UKSS tutor or examiner. Contact one of the member body offices for your closest person

Why do you recognize ISIA and IVSI levels 'blanket fashion'

These levels are internationally agreed and understood.

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Request for Recognition of External Qualifications

Disclosure Request

To [awarding Body]	
From:	
Member and/or Registration Number;	
Qualification	
Date:	

I have applied to UK Snowsports for recognition of my snowsports qualification[s] as listed above.

UK Snowsports will contact you to verify this information, including:

- The level of qualification I hold with your organization
- The date this qualification was issue
- The date [if any] that I am required to attend any courses to ensure that this qualification remains valid
- That I am currently a member of your organization
- The range of operation of my qualification [what my qualification authorizes me to do within snowsports]
- The duration of training and assessment for my qualification.

I would ask you to assist them in any way possible.

Please treat this form as a request for your help and consent to the disclosure of the above information. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me:

Signature	Name	Date
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