

Level 2 Guide Examiner:

- Certified as per a Level 3 Guide and Guide Trainer, may deliver any course, assist on Level 3 exams with permission of Lead Examiner, and examine on Level 2 exams.
- Must be 19 years of age or older.
- Must be a member in good standing of the SKGABC.
- Must meet all the requirements of a Level 3 Guide and Guide Trainer.
- Required to log an additional 250 professional sea kayak guiding days as a Level 3 Guide, at least 50 of which must be in Class 3 waters and 25 of which must be days instructing SKGABC guide courses. Logs must show depth and breadth of paddling, guiding and instructional experience in delivering SKGABC courses.
- Must apply for an apprentice position. Approval as an apprentice is based on meeting the requirements and the results of the application process, which may include an interview.
- Must assist on a minimum of two Level 2 Guide exams, and take the leadership role for the entire last exam of the apprenticeship.
- Must be recommended following the completion of their Level 2 Examiner apprenticeship by two Examiner mentors, including the supervising Examiner on their "lead" or final exam in the apprenticeship, in the form of two letters of reference.
- Application is then made to the SKGABC Certification Committee for recognition as a Level 2 Examiner.

Note: It is possible for candidates to apply for both L2 and L3 Examiner apprenticeships concurrently if the applicant meets all the requirements of L3 Examiner, except the certification of L2 Examiner.

The following are ongoing requirements for Level 2 Examiner status:

- Maintain current certification in an 80 hour Advanced Wilderness First Aid Course or equivalent. *Occupational First Aid Level III will be recognized for Level Three Guides who have taken an Advanced Wilderness First Aid Course previously.

- Note: Guides Operating within Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site are required to hold Wilderness First Aid certification.
- Maintain current certification of CPR (level C).
- Possess a Restricted Operator Certificate (Maritime) for VHF radio.
- Maintain a log documenting sea kayak guiding experience and submit copies to the SKGABC on a yearly basis. Logs must be submitted using the SKGABC log form.
- Submit copies of current certification documentation to the SKGABC as required.
- Must participate in On-Going Training in a leadership position at a SKGABC Guides' Exchange at least once every three years
- Must participate in Examiners Committee meetings on an ad hoc basis.

L2 Exam Water Class and Conditions

L2 exams take place in Class 2 and 3 waters as defined in the SKGABC Water Classification System and as shown on associated Classification Maps

Common L2 Exam locations: Gulf Islands, Surge Narrows area off Quadra, Clayoquot Sound, and Discovery Islands near Victoria

Minimum water conditions for L2 exam on water assessments such as navigation and group leadership, scenarios, advanced paddling skills and rescues and towing (as described in GEMS, with candidates paddling semi-loaded/ loaded boats) should be derived from actual wind effects of 15 kts and *actual* current speed of 2 kts.

Maximum water conditions for L2 exam on water assessments should not exceed *actual* wind effects of 19 kts and *actual* 4 kts of current. Actual sea state of 1 m (swell and wind waves) and .5 m surf if exam is held in a location with open ocean exposure. If conditions deteriorate, on water assessments other than candidates' personal comfort in conditions, will be relocated to a location with appropriate conditions or halted and resumed when appropriate

Key Skills/ Knowledge Required for Level 2 Examiner Apprenticeship

- Risk Assessment, management and mitigation in Class 3 waters as defined in SKGABC Water Classification System
- Calculating and assessing current speed and wind, swell, sea state and surf hazards
- Reliable roll in strong currents and moderate sea state conditions, and comfort navigating, leading, rescuing and towing in Class 3 conditions
- Solid understanding of hydrology and hazards of current and skills to paddling in currents with proficiency, i.e. "lean" turns and ferries
- Participating in or out of a kayak and assisting in assessing scenarios in conditions that are appropriately difficult for assessing Level 2 Guide outcomes (see maximum conditions for L2 exams and GEMS for scenarios and outcomes)
- Excellent communication, organizational, teamwork and leadership skills

- Proficiency in using the Guide Assessment form, including providing clear and concise feedback to successful and unsuccessful candidates ie areas of strengths and action items