



## ISIA Stamp Application Requirements for 2021-22 season

PSIA-AASI Level III certified instructors are eligible for an International Ski Instructors Association (ISIA) passbook verifying minimum stamp level standards. The PSIA-AASI eligibility requirements plus the additional ISIA stamp minimum standard requirements are listed below:

- Must be a current PSIA-AASI member
- Must have a level III certification
- Must be current in required continuing education credits
- Must provide proof of additional requirements listed below

To qualify for the ISIA Stamp, a member must successfully complete a minimum of 320 hours of education and assessment broken out into the following areas:

2.1 Technique – This section is consistent with PSIA-AASI current Level III and requires a candidate to be able to instruct in several disciplines.

- Current Level III (170 hours)
- Present proof of at least LI in secondary discipline (24 hours)
- Foreign equivalency accepted in secondary discipline
- Snow-sports educational association certification equivalency accepted. (ie. USSA)

2.2 Safety on and off-piste – This section is consistent with PSIA-AASI Level III and requires that a candidate can assess mountain conditions and respond appropriately and immediately in the event of an accident.

- Complete a Mountain Safety Awareness e-learning course
  - <https://lms.thesnowpros.org/courses/mountain-safety-awareness/>
  - Mountain safety, backcountry guiding or avalanche awareness qualifications from a recognized association are accepted as an on-line module.

2.3 Methodology/Didactics - This section is consistent with PSIA-AASI current Level III.

2.4 First Aid – Present certificate/acknowledgement of current First Aid/CPR or equivalent

2.5 Tourism, Marketing, Communication, Basic Rights – This section is consistent with PSIA-AASI current Level III.

- The candidate will understand the importance of quality in tourism

2.6 Language – The instructor will be able to instruct in at least one other language.

- Present Proof of second language skills
  - Complete [Europass Language Passport](#) minimum Grade A or equivalent, or
  - Complete [PSIA-AASI Snowsports Instruction Language worksheet](#).
- Note- Some countries require potential instructors to speak fluently in their language, and may require an interview as proof. That would be the responsibility of the individual instructor.

2.7 Environment and Nature - This section is consistent with PSIA-AASI current Level III.

- The candidate will know the rules about nature and the environment and deal sensitively with both.

2.8 History and Culture - This section is consistent with PSIA-AASI Level III.

- The candidate will know the national history of snowsports, plus the national and international snowsports instructor organizations and their tasks

4. Duration of Training – 320 hours. Two-thirds on-snow, one-third in classroom, and 10% on vocational training.

- The LIII Equivalent is equal to 242 hours (160 hours on-snow, 82 hours classroom)
- A minimum of 78 additional training hours (25 classroom) are needed to meet the duration of training requirement. The candidate must present a training/coursework/certification log of professional development signed off by a Training Director.
  - PSIA-AASI Continuing Education examples include, but not limited to:
    - PSIA-AASI Specialist Certificates (highly recommended)
    - PSIA-AASI divisional continuing education
    - National Academies
    - Interski
    - Other association training: USSA, USASA, etc.
  - Records of home school training hours signed by training director

5. Further Training – Candidates are required to maintain status through further training courses.

- Maintain PSIA-AASI certification through continuing education requirements