



## ISIA Stamp Application for 2018-19 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 requirements include the following plus the additional ISIA stamp minimum standard requirements listed below:

- Must be a current PSIA-AASI member
- Must have a level III certification
- Must be current in required continuing education credits

### [ISIA Minimum Standards](#) for the ISIA Stamp and ISIA Card

PSIA-AASI Level III additional requirements for issuing ISIA stamp. Proof of these additional requirements are to be included in your ISIA Passbook Application

### **ISIA Stamp**

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

2.1 Technique – This section is consistent with PSIA-AASI current Level III, and it 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
- Snowsports 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.

- Present certificate/acknowledge of completion of a recognized introductory avalanche course.
- Course must validate the following: Equivalent to [AIARE 1 certification](#). (24 hours)
  - Development of a plan for travel in avalanche terrain
  - Demonstrate the ability to identify avalanche terrain
  - Effectively use decision making protocol to make terrain choices in a group setting
  - Demonstrate effective companion rescue

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)
- Present a training/coursework/certification log of professional development signed off by a Training Director. Additional training verification must meet a minimum of 78 additional hours (25 classroom) to meet the duration of training requirement.
  - 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