



BMG Training Scheme Application form

In order to be considered for membership of the British Association of Mountain Guides, an applicant must meet the requirements listed below:-

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Submit the Association's medical form (available from the BMG office) completed by a medical practitioner.
3. Complete the Association's application form. Please add extra lines to the form, where needed, to list all relevant experience.
4. Provide written references from at least two referees, one of whom must be a fully qualified Guide. The Guide must be able to vouch, at least in part, for the authenticity of the candidate's application and be prepared to help and advise him/her through the scheme as a mentor. The Training Officer/Training Committee can assign a guide as a referee if the applicant does not know a Guide. One referee must be able to attest to the candidate's good character.
5. Provide details of a current first aid certificate with a mountain component.
6. List any relevant qualifications held e.g. MIA, MIC etc.
7. Send an Application Fee to British Association of Mountain Guides (details of the cost and the deadline for applications available from the BMG office).
8. Send a copy of your application form to both referees along with a pro forma for the referee to verify your application.

Candidates should note that the pre-requirements are high to help ensure that those who embark on the scheme have the commitment, experience and technical ability required to complete the scheme.

Contact the BMG office to receive the BMG Training Syllabus Handbook.

1. Personal Details

Name		Home Phone	
Address		Mobile Phone	
		Work Phone	
		Emergency Phone (Contact Name)	
E-mail		Check here if you wish for your email address to be kept private from other applicants	

Occupation	
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Date of Birth		Age	
Note: All applicants must be at least 22 years of age.			

2. Names and addresses of two Referees

First referee (I :MGA Guide)		Second referee	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	

3. First aid certificate

Certificate issued by:		Date	
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4. Relevant qualifications

Qualification	Date

5. Rock Climbing Experience

At least fifty multi-pitch climbs E1 5b or above

List all multi-pitch climbs E1 5b or above in a wide variety of areas in the UK, such as the mountainous regions of Scotland, England and Wales. In all cases these routes must have been led or alternate led. Technical leads at E3 5c are recommended as this ensures that the applicant is consistent at E1 5b.

Examples of appropriate routes; The Bat, *Ben Nevis*, Saxon, *Scafell*, West Buttress Eliminate, *Clogwyn D'ur Arddu*, The Moon, *Gogarth*

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List single or multi pitch climbs VS or harder.

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List separately any pure rock routes you have done outside the UK.

In particular list routes of a serious and multi-pitch nature. Alpine rock routes should be included in the Alpine section of this form.

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6. Winter Climbing Experience

At least 60 snow and ice climbs to include:

50 Grade III or harder (twenty of which must be Grade V or harder) in the UK

10 icefall/cascade climbs grade WI4 or harder in the Alps or similar terrain to be included in the above sixty climbs

List all UK routes climbed, but over forty of these routes should be in the Scottish mountains in a variety of areas e.g. Ben Nevis, Glencoe, Creag Meagaidh, Torridon, Cairngorms. In all cases these routes must have been led or alternate led. **At least twenty snow and ice climbs Grade V or harder**

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At least thirty snow and ice climbs Grade III or harder

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Any European icefalls Grade 3 or above

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7. Alpine Mountaineering Experience

Provide details of all Alpine mountaineering experience on routes of PD or harder, which should have been gained over a period of at least four years, and in at least three different areas eg Massif du Mont Blanc, Dolomites, Alpes Valaisannes. In all cases these routes must have been led or alternate led. Only ascents on foot should be listed here. Ski ascents should be recorded in the relevant section. Experience outside Europe will be considered, but the great majority of experience should be within Europe.

Knowledge of at least three European alpine areas

No	Area	Summary of experience
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Any mountaineering routes climbed outside European Alps

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At least twenty major Alpine summits PD or harder

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At least ten major Alpine routes

List a minimum of at least ten routes of TD or harder. At least five of these must be mixed routes of a serious and committing nature, and be at least 800 metres in length, eg classic North Faces or similar.

At least five Alpine Mixed routes of a serious and committing nature, TD or above, at least 800m length

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At least five Alpine routes TD or above

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At least ten other Alpine routes of a mixed climbing nature

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Any Alpine rock routes

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8. Skiing Experience

List a minimum of 30 days ski-touring experience in glaciated Alpine terrain. At least 15 of these days must be on multi-day tours of at least 3 consecutive nights in huts. Also list a minimum of 15 days lift-accessed off-piste skiing in the Alps.

Applicants are expected to ski on-piste, in all conditions, with good style, demonstrating good balance, posture and control.

Applicants should cope well in all off-piste conditions showing the ability to ski safely, effectively and in control.

Ski touring outside Europe will be considered, but the majority of ski touring experience must be in the European Alps.

It is also recommended that applicants obtain as much experience and observation of instructing as possible prior to entering the scheme. They should note that the pre-requirements are high to help ensure that those who embark on the scheme have the commitment, experience and technical ability required to complete the scheme successfully.

Fifteen days of hut to hut ski touring (at least 3 consecutive nights) in glaciated terrain

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Fifteen days of ski touring in glaciated terrain

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All other off-piste skiing/ski touring

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