



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. MCI, WMCI 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.
9. The Majority of the candidates experience must be within the last 10 yrs.

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.

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 18 years of age.			

Names and addresses of two Referees

First referee (IFMGA Guide)		Second referee	
Name		Name	
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First aid certificate

Certificate issued by:	Date
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Relevant qualifications

Qualification	Date

1.0 Rock Climbing Experience

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

List all multi-pitch climbs E1 5b or above. The majority of these routes should be on major mountain crags and sea cliffs. There should be a geographical spread of routes throughout the British Isles. In all cases these routes **must** have been led or alternate led. We encourage you to include technical leads at E3 5c single or multi-pitch. Climbing at this level gives you added capacity to climb E1 5b comfortably and consistently.

Examples of appropriate crags; Scotland. *North Face Ben Nevis, Crags of Glen Coe, Beinn Eighe.* England. *Dow Crag, Gimmer Crag, The Cornish seas cliffs.* Wales. *Clogwyn D'ur Arddu, Gogarth.* Northern Ireland. *Fairhead*

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1.1 List single or multi pitch climbs VS or harder.

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1.2 List separately any pure rock routes you have done outside the UK. (Non-Alpine in nature)

In particular list routes of a serious and multi-pitch nature. Examples of the type of route/crags in this section: USA *Yosemite, Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Red Rocks*. Europe. *Val De Mello, Val D'Orca, Rock Climbs in the Dolomites, Crags around Andermatt and Grimsel pass*.

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2.0 Winter Climbing Experience

A minimum of 60 snow, ice or mixed climbs. The list should contain:

At least 50 routes in the UK, of which at least 20 will be grade V or above. At least 30 will be Grade III or above. A minimum of 40 of these routes should be in Scotland. There should be a geographical spread of routes within Scotland and include routes in areas such as Ben Nevis, Cairngorms, Torridon, and Glen Coe. As with the rock section we encourage you to include technical leads of 6 or above, single or multi-pitch routes. This helps enable you to climb Grade V in all conditions comfortably.

At Least 10 multi-pitch routes graded WI 4 or harder outside the UK.

List all UK routes climbed at Grade V or harder

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List all routes Grade III or harder

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2.1 List all multi-pitch icefall/cascade climbs grade WI4 or harder.

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3.0 Alpine Mountaineering Experience

Provide details of all Alpine mountaineering experience on routes of PD or harder. This should::

- 1 Be over a period of at least 4 years
- 2 Be spread over at least 3 geographical areas i.e Oberland, Mont Blanc Massif and Ecrins.
- 3 Must be either led, or alt led.
- 4 Include a minimum of 20 major European summits reached.

In the subsections below are descriptions and guidance for the types and numbers of routes we are looking for in your alpine experience. Your experience should include at least 5 Alpine mixed routes of a serious and committing nature graded TD or above and 800m + in length. A further 5 Alpine routes graded TD or above of a committing nature, 600m + in length. At least 10 Alpine routes graded AD or above.

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Knowledge of at least three European alpine areas

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3.1 List Here:

All European Alpine summits reached via a route of PD or harder.

In this section list all the alpine mountains you have summited by a route of PD or above. Please list the summit name and in the ascent route section list all the routes by which you have climbed the mountain. The later “Highlight section” section will categorise these routes. Were you have ascended on skis via a ski touring route please list here and make a note, also list in the relevant ski touring section.

Please do not list routes here that you did not complete. There is a sub- section section for these experiences.

An example of this section:

No	Summit (inc altitude and location)	Ascent Route (inc length & grade)	Descent Route	Date	Partners	Led/alt
1	Mont Blanc du Tacul	1 .NF Normal. PD+ 700m	Via North Face Normal route	1/7/22	R Messner	Alt
		2 .Left Edge Triangle AD 350m		3/8/19	D Whillans	Alt
		3. Gervasutti Pillar TD. 850m		1/7/26	J Brown	Alt

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4.0 Highlight your major alpine routes.

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At least five long mixed routes which will be of a serious and committing nature, TD or above, and at least 800m length.

These should be considered as famous alpine ascents of comparable quality and could include classic N Face ice or mixed lines, high altitude rock pillars with complex glacial approaches and descents or multi day ridge climbs.

For example, South Pillar of the Barre des Ecrins, North Face of Ailefroide, Walker Spur on the Grande Jorasses, Central Pillar of Freney or Peuterey Integral to Mt Blanc, Heckmair Route on the Eiger, Schmidt Route on Matterhorn or similar famous benchmark objectives.

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At least five other Alpine routes TD or above and 600m +

These should be in the classic alpine genre of complex routes to a major summit and descending via the normal route of that mountain. Ideally, but not exclusively to involve an alpine start from a bivouac or hut, glacial or snowy approaches, substantial elevation gain, varied alpine terrain and mountaineering descents rather than easy access short day climbs from lifts with equipped abseil descents.

For example South Face of La Meije, S Ridge of Aiguille Noire, West Face of Petite Jorasses, Cordier Pillar or N Ridge of Grand Charmoz, West Pillar on Aiguille du Jardin, Sunrise Pillar on Mt Collon, West Ridge of Salbit, Cassin on Piz Badile or similar classic alpine ascents.

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4.2 List Here:

A further minimum of 10 Alpine routes of AD or harder

These could include major ridges of high alpine summits, routes similar or slightly less in stature to those listed above or more often winter, spring or autumn objectives. A small number of these could be substantial climbs that have lift assisted access or equipped abseil descents.

Good examples across the alps might be Raie des Fesses on Pic Sans Nom (abseil from end of difficulties), N Face of Gran Paradiso, N Face of Pelerins, Frendo Spur on Aiguille du Midi, Super Couloir (abseil from end of difficulties) or the Diable Ridge on Mt Blanc du Tacul, Migot Spur on Chardonnet, Tasch to Dom Traverse, any of the Matterhorn ridges, N Face of Lenspitze, Mitteleggi (or Integral) on the Eiger, Nollen Spur on the Monch, Biancograt on Piz Bernina.

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Alpine rock routes

Objectives which have an alpine setting but are essentially day rock climbs, with at least 300m of elevation gain, minimal objective hazards, complex approaches or descents.

Examples of this sort of climb across the alps would be the South Face of Sialouze or Dibona in the Ecrins, climbs in the Chamonix Aiguilles from the Plan d'Aiguille or Envers, S Face routes on Aiguilles Dorees, S Ridge of Stockhorn, N Face of Kingspitze, S Ridge of Salbit, Comici on Cima Grande, routes on South Face of Marmalada or North Face of Triglav in the summer.

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European rock or alpine routes of PD or above not listed in the sections above.

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5.0 Non-European alpine and expedition routes

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Alpine routes climbed anywhere in the world whether in an expedition or non-expedition setting.

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6.0 Mountain Experiences

Please list routes that you did not finish for any reason but where you gained significant experience. Please feel free to include reflections on this experience.

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7.0 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.

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

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7.2 Fifteen days of ski touring in glaciated terrain

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7.3 All other off-piste skiing/ski touring

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