



BMG Training Scheme Application Form

British Association of Mountain Guides

Pre-requisites for Application

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

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 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 candidate's experience must be within the last 10 years.
10.	Provide a short covering letter briefly covering: (a) Motivation for applying to the BMG Training Scheme; (b) Current employment; (c) Country of residency.

Contact the BMG office to receive the BMG Training Syllabus Handbook. guiding@bmg.org.uk | +44 (0)1690 720386 | www.bmg.org.uk

Personal Details

Full Name		Date of Birth	
Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
Work Phone		Emergency Contact	
Occupation		Age	

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Email Address		■ Keep private from other applicants
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Referees

Names and addresses of two referees. The first must be a fully qualified IFMGA Guide.

First Referee (IFMGA Guide)	Second Referee
Name	Name
Address	Address

First Aid Certificate

Certificate issued by		Date	
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Relevant Qualifications

Qualification	Date

1.0 Rock Climbing Experience

Requirement: At least 50 multi-pitch climbs E1 5b or above. The majority should be on major mountain crags and sea cliffs with a geographical spread throughout the British Isles. All routes must have been led or alternate led. Technical leads at E3 5c+ are strongly encouraged. **Examples:** Scotland — N Face Ben Nevis, Crags of Glen Coe, Beinn Eighe; England — Dow Crag, Gimmer, Cornish sea cliffs; Wales — Clogwyn D'ur Arddu, Gogarth; N Ireland — Fairhead.

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1.1 Single or Multi-Pitch Climbs VS or Harder

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1.2 Pure Rock Routes Outside the UK (Non-Alpine)

Examples: USA — Yosemite, Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Red Rocks; Europe — Val de Mello, Val d'Orca, Dolomites, crags around Andermatt and Grimsel Pass.

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2.0 Winter Climbing Experience

Requirement: Minimum 60 snow, ice or mixed climbs. At least 50 UK routes, of which ≥ 20 will be Grade V or above and ≥ 30 Grade III or above. A minimum of 40 must be in Scotland, spread across Ben Nevis, Cairngorms, Torridon and Glen Coe. Technical leads of Grade VI or above are encouraged. At least 10 multi-pitch routes graded WI4 or harder outside the UK.

List all UK routes Grade V or harder

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List all routes Grade III or harder

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2.1 Multi-Pitch Icefall / Cascade Climbs WI4 or Harder

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3.0 Alpine Mountaineering Experience

Requirement: Routes of PD or harder over at least 4 years, spread over ≥3 geographical areas (e.g. Oberland, Mont Blanc Massif, Ecrins). Must be led or alternate led. Minimum 20 major European summits reached. Experience should include ≥5 Alpine mixed routes TD+ (≥800m), a further ≥5 routes TD+ (≥600m), and ≥10 routes AD or above.

Knowledge of at least three European Alpine areas

No	Area	Summary of Experience
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3.1 All European Alpine Summits via PD or Harder

List all 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. Where 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 for these experiences (Section 6.0).

No	Summit (altitude & location)	Ascent Route (length & grade)	Descent Route	Date	Partner(s)	Led/Alt
e.g.	Mont Blanc du Tacul (4248m, Mont Blanc Massif)	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

▲ Example only — this row shows how to record multiple routes on the same summit

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4.0 Major Alpine Routes — TD or Above, ≥800m

At least 5 long mixed routes of a serious and committing nature, TD or above, ≥800m. These should be famous alpine ascents: classic N Face ice or mixed lines, high altitude rock pillars, multi-day ridge climbs. **Examples:** South Pillar of Barre des Ecrins, Walker Spur on Grande Jorasses, Central Pillar of Freney, Heckmair Route on the Eiger, Schmidt Route on Matterhorn.

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4.1 Alpine Routes TD or Above, ≥600m

At least 5 alpine routes TD+ and ≥600m. Classic genre routes to a major summit, descending via normal route. Ideally from a bivouac or hut with glacial approaches. **Examples:** S Face of La Meije, S Ridge of Aiguille Noire, Cordier Pillar, West Pillar on Aiguille du Jardin, Cassin on Piz Badile.

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4.2 Alpine Routes AD or Harder — Minimum 10

Major ridges, winter/spring/autumn objectives, or routes slightly less demanding than sections above. **Examples:** N Face of Gran Paradiso, Frenco Spur on Aiguille du Midi, Migot Spur on Chardonnet, Matterhorn ridges, Biancograt on Piz Bernina, Mitteleggi on the Eiger.

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4.3 Alpine Rock Routes

Alpine setting day rock climbs, $\geq 300m$ elevation gain, minimal objective hazards. **Examples:** S Face of Sialouze or Dibona in Ecrins, Chamonix Aiguilles from Plan d'Aiguille, S Face routes on Aiguilles Dorees, Comici on Cima Grande, routes on S Face of Marmolada.

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4.4 Other European Routes PD or Above

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5.0 Non-European Alpine and Expedition Routes

List alpine routes climbed anywhere in the world, whether in an expedition or non-expedition setting.

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6.0 Significant Mountain Experiences — Incomplete Routes

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

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7.0 Skiing Experience

Requirements: Minimum 30 days ski-touring in glaciated Alpine terrain (≥15 days on multi-day tours of ≥3 consecutive nights in huts). Minimum 15 days lift-accessed off-piste skiing in the Alps. Applicants must ski on-piste in all conditions with good style, balance, posture and control. Ski touring outside Europe will be considered but the majority must be in the European Alps.

7.1 Fifteen days of hut-to-hut ski touring (≥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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