

Educational Master Plan: Waiver Procedure

The following procedure will identify and guide members who qualify to bypass the Alaska divisions waiting requirement as detailed under the Educational Master Plan.

The EMP requirement that a candidate wait two full seasons to be eligible to take the next level exam encourages educational growth and insures that our members possess the skills and knowledge necessary to ensure success in a teaching and skiing evaluation.

It is not the intention of this requirement to impede progress, but to insure educational and motor skill proficiency.

As with all linear requirements, the authors of the EMP recognize that talented, motivated, exceptional teachers and coaches exist, who have a legitimate right to excel at their own pace.

It is with these exceptional members in mind that this waiver procedure is written.

Requirements: The petition procedure to request a waiver to the two year waiting period is available to instructors and coaches who can document that they have taught or coached 200 plus teaching hours since the last exam.

In addition, the petition process is available to a national team athlete, national team coach, NCAA coach or athlete, certified pro from a foreign country, or a strong skier and teacher with years of experience who has never been a member of PSI A/AASI.

The following applies:

- Coaches and instructors who teach year round in the snow sports industry are eligible to count each teaching season as a year. They would be eligible to take an exam with a one year wait.

- Coaches and Instructors who teach 200 plus hours in a single season would be eligible to petition for a waiver, providing that 50 hours of the 200 hours are teaching in the level that you are petitioning to take. The teaching hours are to be documented in a portfolio as to date of the lesson, number of students or peers, terrain, conditions of the day, lesson goals and outcomes. Verification procedure of the portfolio contents is up to the individual program director.
- Coaches and Instructors must be prepared to document the minimum teaching hours as required by the two year waiting period. The documentation may include clinics taught by the candidate to peers.
- Volunteer teaching is considered to be the same experience as paid teaching.
- Candidates must successfully complete all other requirements as specified by the EMP and receive the recommendation of a course clinician as to competency.
- The Petitioner must submit an initial request 30 days prior to a scheduled exam.

Armed with documentation that can substantiate the requirements for a waiver, the petitioner will contact the designated board representative, who will review the petition for merit. It is up to the board president to appoint a representative other than them self and subject to board approval.

If the designated board representative feels that the petition has merit, then they will act on behalf of the petitioner and instruct the petitioner to submit the following documentation.

- One cover letter detailing why the individual feels they qualify for a waiver.
- One snow sports resume.
- One letter of recommendation documenting the applicant's exceptional snow sports skills, teaching ability, coaching ability and training.
- Documentation of the full time teaching hours since the last exam.

It is imperative that a qualified petitioner receives an opportunity to meet with the full board, where the petitioner will have an opportunity to present the case. In a case where it is impractical to appear in person, the petitioner may appear utilizing a phone. A simple majority vote determines the outcome of the petition.