

Australian Ski Patrol Association

National Ski Patrol

Examiner Guidelines  
For On Snow Assessment

## **NATIONAL SKI PATROL**

The National Patroller concept is based on a common level of excellence which already exist amongst the best Patrollers in Australia.

It offers a stimulus to individuals and patrols to improve their skills and raise the overall standard of Patrollers throughout Australia.

It further acts as a forum to compare ideas, share experience and develop comradely between Patrollers and patrols. The ultimate aim is to develop one recognized standard of skills common to all patrols in Australia and ideally every Patroller should aim to attain this standard.

## **LOGISTICS**

For a Patroller to obtain National Ski Patroller status he / she must successfully complete the three categories of assessment which are listed in the National Ski Patrol On Snow Assessment, with a minimum pass rate of 6.5.

For a Patroller to gain Examiner status all three categories of the assessment must have a pass rate of 7.5 or higher (distinction level).

These three categories are:

- Akja Lead
- Akja Assist
- Skiing (Alpine or Telemark) and Boarding

## DEVELOPMENT OF EXAMINER

As a pre-requisite for becoming an Examiner on the On Snow Committee, Patrollers will not only have to have a higher pass rate in all disciplines, but an excellent understanding of the commitment of the On Snow Committee which was established in the early 1970's. It is the Committee's vision to maintain, educate and develop a high standard of patrolling skills within Australia and overseas.

Patrollers who have passed the National Ski Patroller Assessment at Examiner level will be entitled to develop their skills in demonstrating and examining at the following exam.

Patrollers will be requested by the current list of Examiners to become a demonstrator at the next examination. Prior to each category, two assessors will demonstrate what is expected of the candidates. Two demonstrators will be used for all assessments. Once he / she has completed the demonstration, they will be graded by the Examiners and their score will be used as a bench mark for the current exam. After the demonstration they will be required to accompany a senior / qualified Examiner where they will be a "*Shadow*" (probationary) Examiner. A "*Shadow*" (probationary) Examiner is where it gives the Patrollers a chance to understand and learn the marking system.

Once a Patroller has completed the demonstration at distinction level and have a firm understanding and concept of the marking system, then and only then, with the permission of the Committee, they will become a current Examiner.

## **COURSE GUIDELINES**

It is the National Ski Patrol Committee's objective to conduct two exams, one in NSW and one in VIC, every ski season. These dates will be decided at the Annual General Meeting held in early June each year. These dates are tentative dates and may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances ie, lack of snow, staffing issues.

It is the responsibility of the host resort to organise appropriate ticketing, accommodation and parking arrangements within their resort. Numbers must be finalised by the Wednesday prior to the commencement of the exam.

For an official exam, the minimum requirement of three qualified Examiners (not including demonstrators or "*shadow*" demonstrators) must be present. This is including one qualified interstate Examiner.

## **RE-CERTIFICATION**

Re-certification for an Examiner must be completed within three years of date of initial assessment results. To re-certify at Examiner level a candidate must be available to demonstrate all three categories and have a minimum pass rate of 7.5 (distinction level). This is to be completed by an official exam, held in either NSW or VIC. In a resort re-certification does not qualify them to maintain their level as an Examiner.

## **IN-HOUSE RESORT RE-CERTIFICATION**

This re-certification may be undertaken in a Patrollers own resort and held within any timeframe that is suited to their Patrol Director / Captain. The minimum requirements of this re-certification is that three current Examiners are present. This is including one Examiner from another resort. This Examiner however does not have to be from interstate.