



Central Division & PSIA/AASI Level 1 Exam

What: The Level 1 assessment is designed as the first step in the certification process. The multi-day assessment allows instructors to have their skiing, teaching, and technical skills evaluated against PSIA National Standards for Level 1 certification.

Why: The Level I assessment allows the candidate to learn collaboratively with the PSIA C education staff as well as other candidates. The Level I assessment is the beginning step in the exam process for instructors who wish to expand their teaching careers. The candidate has the opportunity to enhance their teaching, skiing, and technical skills.

Who Should Attend: Anyone interested in becoming a member of PSIA (alpine, telemark) or AASI (snowboard) and trying out for Level 1 certification. Ideal for OET instructors or anyone working with candidates/patrollers to evaluate and improve ski/ride performance.

How to Register: Registration for the Level 1 exam and fees are handled directly with PSIA-AASI. The exam includes required online components prior to the two days on the snow instruction and assessment. You will be sent details on how to participate. Please be sure to register both with PSIA and the Central Division. There is a charge for this event.

Instructors for the Event: PSIA/AASI Examiners

Prerequisites:

- **Virtual Clinic-format:** This online evening Clinic introduces members to the organization, and divisions, resources, and teaching models. Participants review the National Standards for Level I, along with sample exercises in anticipation of their on-snow exam. ***You must register for and attend the Level 1 Virtual Module before you can complete the on-snow portion of the assessment. Use the Central Event Calendar to find and register for a Level 1 Virtual event. You are encouraged to do this early in the season, so that you know what to study and practice before taking the exam. Give yourself time to prepare!
e-Learning Course:

All Written Exams & E-learning Courses, along with the separate **Level 1 Virtual Module**, must be taken online prior to attending the on-snow portion of the assessment. To take your online e-learning course and written exam please click [here](#).

On-Snow Assessment:

- **Day 2 and 3: On-Snow Assessment** An Education Staff Member will evaluate the candidates' skiing, teaching, and technical skills against PSIA Level 1 National Standards. Candidates will be given teaching assignments related to the beginner zone. The assignments, and the order of presentation, may be handed out in a number of ways: randomly; with candidates determining their order; on paper/selected with a specific order pre-determined; or by other means. Skiing skills: free runs; performance of at least four Skiing Benchmarks; and situational skiing (including teaching demos and skiing during peers' teaching segments) will be evaluated. Candidates are allotted approximately (typically) 20 minutes for teaching demos, the exact time to be determined by your group leader.
- **Feedback:** The candidate will receive a written evaluation at the end of the event. Scoring and feedback require thought and time from the examiners. Please be patient and understand they are working as efficiently as possible.