

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Each role on an Adventure Canada expedition requires a unique set of skills, which comes with varied training requirements and certifications. As such, your training prerequisites are dependent on your designated role with Adventure Canada. Please find below the details on the necessary training and certifications required for joining Adventure Canada expeditions this year.

We require that all relevant certifications be obtained and submitted to Adventure Canada before you can assume your designated role. **All costs incurred by the completion of these certificates are your responsibility.** You can submit these documents to us via email at team@adventurecanada.com.

Please bring **original copies** of these certificates onboard as the ship's captain may need to provide these documents to authorities if required.

Minimum Requirements for **ALL Expedition Team Members**

1. **Marine Medical Certificate**

This certificate ensures that team members are fit for sea service. A standard marine medical form (found [here](#)) can be brought to your family doctor or nurse practitioner to be completed. Alternatively, you can visit an approved marine medical regulator in your country (e.g. Transport Canada Marine Medical Doctor) This certificate is **valid for up to 2 years**.

Note: Lab work may be required, and your doctor may charge a fee to complete the form. Any costs related to completing the form are your responsibility.

2. **Security Awareness Course for Cruise Ships**

Knowledge gained in this course will enhance your expertise in maritime security, security threats, and methods of maintaining security awareness and vigilance. This certificate can be issued online and **does not expire**. [Click here](#) for our recommended course.

3. **First Aid**

A Standard or Intermediate First Aid certificate that includes CPR Level C and AED training (usually a two-day course) is required by all team members. The Standard First Aid is what Adventure Canada requires as a minimum. For those looking for a more comprehensive course, Advanced Wilderness First Aid is recommended as an alternative. For our recommended Standard First Aid course, [click here](#). This certificate is valid for the duration noted on the certificate expiration date.

Additional Requirements for **Specific Destinations and Roles**

Requirements for AECO Destinations (Iceland, Nunavut & Greenland):

- **AECO Field Staff Assessments**

Adventure Canada is a member of AECO (Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators Association). These mandatory field tests ensure knowledge of community, wildlife and nature guidelines in Arctic regions and meet the baseline expectations for best expedition cruising practices as per AECO. If you are hired on an expedition that travels to Greenland, Iceland or Nunavut, you are required to complete one for each destination. These online tests will take approximately 2 hours to complete. These tests are to be **updated every 2 years**.

Preparation material for this test can be found here: <https://aeco.no/tools-and-resources/online-assessments/reference-material/>

To register and complete the tests, click here: <https://candidate.speedexam.net/signin.aspx?site=aeco>

Note: Please register as **field staff**.

Requirements for Zodiac Drivers:

- **Small Vessel Operator Proficiency (SVOP) or RYA Powerboat Level 2 Certificate**

SVOP and RYA Powerboat Level 2 certifications allow for the operation of small commercial vessels, like Zodiacs. There are other international equivalents that we will accept. If you have questions about an equivalent certification, please ask us. Both the SVOP and RYA Powerboat Level 2 certificates are lifetime certificates and **do not expire**.

Note: If you do not have an SVOP or equivalent certificate, please contact us to see about training. Please note that Pleasure Craft Operator Cards (PCOCs) are not accepted as a Zodiac driving certificate.

Requirements for Bear Monitors:

- **Possession and Acquisition License (PAL) or equivalent**

All bear monitors must have a Possession and Acquisition license, or a Non-Resident Firearms Permit if you are from outside Canada. These certifications issue the right to carry firearms. Both the PAL and Non-Resident Firearms Permit are issued by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The PAL is valid for 5 years or until the duration noted on the certificate's expiration date. The Non-Resident Firearms Permit is valid for 60 days after it is issued. More information on the process of obtaining a PAL can be found [here](#).

Note: If you have a firearms license from another country, please contact us to discuss obtaining a Non-Resident Firearms Permit.

Requirements for Sea Kayak Guides:

- **Sea Kayak Certification**

A minimum of Paddle Canada's Level 2 Skills, SKGABC Assistant Overnight Guide or equivalent is required. If you have a certification outside of Canada, please contact us to discuss.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at team@adventurecanada.com.