



Exemption policy for BASI Mountain Safety courses

BASI recognise accredited prior learning and experience. Consequently, if you feel you may be eligible for exemption from the BASI Mountain Safety course or the BASI IMS training course then details are as follows.

It should be noted that there is **no exemption** from the BASI IMS assessment course.

Mountain Safety Course

In order for BASI to consider you for exemption is a log book detailing ski touring experience. In addition, BASI requires copies of any certification you hold.

The Mountain Safety course contains the following assessed areas:

- Avalanche Awareness
- Transceiver search
- Leading a group off piste
- Map reading and basic navigation
- Personal performance off piste
- Personal fitness
- Mountain awareness
- Skinning/snowshoeing
- Written paper

If you feel you have had adequate training in the above and have certification to backup your request, then you may apply. Here are some examples of certification that may qualify in addition to your log book of tours:

- SMLTB Winter Mountain Leader with ski touring experience
- BAEML International mountain leader
- Joint service ski tour leader (Military)
- The “guides” avalanche course (Europe).
- IWLS guide training course (Alaska).

Please submit your request for exemption with all accompanying paperwork to **mountain.safety@basi.org.uk**

Please note that any exemption granted does not mean you will be awarded the BASI qualification.

IMS Training Course

In order for BASI to consider you for exemption is a log book detailing ski touring experience. In addition, BASI requires copies of any certification you hold. You will also have to show evidence of completing an ISIA Mountain Safety course.

The IMS training course contains the following assessed areas:

- Avalanche Awareness
- Avalanche search organisation
- Transceiver search
- Leading a group off piste
- Map reading and basic navigation
- Poor visibility navigation
- Personal performance off piste
- Personal fitness
- Mountain awareness
- Skinning/snowshoeing
- Snow anchor
- Ropework

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