

British Association of Snowsport Instructors (BASI) - Training Centres

As you will have seen from previous E-news editions BASI has set up a system for established snowsport schools to be BASI Training Centres. What does this mean? The idea is that for those BASI members wanting to go through to the highest level BASI qualification (L4 International Ski Teacher Diploma =ISTD), they will be able to gain work experience within a BASI endorsed Training Centre.

There are some quite stringent criteria that a training centre will have to meet to be able to gain this "Training Centre" status; for instance,

- They will have to be established registered businesses, to conduct snowsports lessons/training, in the country where they are based.
- They will need to have a minimum number of ISTD's working for them, a percentage of whom must be approved mentors. Trainees will not be allowed to represent the majority of instructors within a training centre.

BASI has been advised that this should be done in the first instance in France. France is the only EU country with a government accredited centralised administration for sports tuition and thus easier to organise this precedent of BASI Training Centres. Two such snowsport schools that have requested to go through this process and who meet these stringent criteria are:

BASS Morzine and NewGeneration in Courchevel.

Due to the current regulations for being able to have trainee status in France there will be the opportunity for 4 trainees (2 in each centre) who will need to have successfully completed the French "Test Technique" slalom. So if you have already passed the Test Technique and are interested in working for either of the snowsport schools, shown above, please apply by sending in a letter of application with proof of the test technique pass and a CV to the BASI Office - basi@basi.org.uk

In the Future it is envisaged that this Training Centre status will be able to roll out to other suitable snowsport schools in other EU countries. This will provide work experience opportunities for L2s and L3s working toward their L4 ISTD. Plus more employment opportunities in the future for L4 ISTD's who wish to be considered for the role of 'mentor' within these BASI accredited Training Centres.