



Exemption policy for BASI Mountain Safety courses

At BASI we believe that accredited prior learning is very valuable, consequently if you feel you may be eligible for exemption from the Mountain Safety course then details are as follows.

What we need in order to consider you for exemption is a log book detailing ski touring experience at home or abroad. Also copies of any certification related to the mountain environment you have. The Mountain safety course contains the following assessed topics;

- 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 any certification to back up your request then you may apply. Here are some examples of certification that may qualify.

- MLTUK Winter Mountain Leader with ski touring experience
- BAIML 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 Roy Henderson at roy@basi.org.uk or send a hard copy to the BASI office FAO Roy Henderson.

Please note that there is an administration charge of £50 payable to BASI, non refundable in order for your request to be processed. Also, being granted exemption from this course, does not give you the BASI Level 3 Mountain Safety qualification.