

Mountain guiding: sport climbing instructors – permit

General information

A sport climbing instructor is authorised to lead, accompany and instruct others:

- in rope-free climbing at jumping height (bouldering),
- in climbing on artificial climbing walls, and
- in climbing on climbing routes and climbing areas in natural rock that are fully equipped with bolts, where belaying is done in a rope team from the base of the wall and that can be easily reached by hiking trails or via ferratas without any alpine difficulty level.

Dates and deadlines

The activity may only be carried out after legally binding authorisation (a permit) has been issued.

Requirements

Upon application, the Provincial Government will grant a permit to persons who:

- a) can provide evidence of professional competence,
- b) hold Austrian citizenship or are treated as equivalent under the law of the European Union or on the basis of an international treaty,
- c) are at least 18 years of age, and
- d) are of good repute, physically and mentally suited to the profession, and professionally competent.

In Vorarlberg, only temporary activity is allowed without a permit (so-called 'excursion traffic' – see 'Sport climbing instructor – temporary services).

Before completing the training to become a sport climbing instructor, it is possible to become recognised as a rock climbing instructor candidate by the Mountain Guides' Association (Bergführerverband). Recognition of sport climbing instructor candidates is limited to 3 years.

Relevant body

Amt der Vorarlberger Landesregierung, Amtsstelle Sportreferat [Office of the Vorarlberg Provincial Government, Sports Department]

Costs and payments

EUR 72.90 provincial administrative charge

EUR 47.30 application fee in accordance with the Federal Law on Dues (*Gebührengesetz*)

EUR 83.60 fee for the official certified copy of the permit, in accordance with the Federal Law on Dues

Further costs depend on the number of appendices submitted (EUR 3.90 per sheet (= four DIN A4 pages), maximum EUR 21.80 per appendix).

If an expert opinion from a non-official expert is required, this will be communicated separately in advance.

Online forms

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Legal basis

Section 3 of the Mountain Guides Act; Provincial Government Regulation on the recognition of evidence of formal qualifications, the adaptation period and the aptitude test in accordance with European Union law in relation to the Mountain Guides Act (*Verordnung der Landesregierung über die Anerkennung von Ausbildungsnachweisen, den Anpassungslehrgang und die Eignungsprüfung nach dem Recht der Europäischen Union im Rahmen des Bergführergesetzes*); Provincial Government Regulation on training courses and examinations on the and recognition of examinations and training courses in accordance with the Mountain Guides Act (*Verordnung der Landesregierung über Ausbildungskurse und die Prüfungen sowie Anerkennungen von Prüfungen und Ausbildungen nach dem Bergführergesetz*)

General Administrative Procedure Act (Allgemeines Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz) 1991

<https://www.ris.bka.gv.at/GeltendeFassung.wxe?Abfrage=LrVbg&Gesetzesnummer=20000345>

Federal Law on Dues 1957

Authentication and signature

An electronic or handwritten signature is not required for applications.

Appeals

Appeals against decisions of the Provincial Government may be lodged with the Regional Administrative Court (*Landesverwaltungsgericht*). An appeal must specify the contested decision and the authority that enacted that decision. It must contain a request and state the grounds on which the allegation of unlawfulness is based. The appeal must be filed in writing to the relevant competent provincial government within 4 weeks of the date of notification of the decision and must contain information that makes it possible to assess its timeliness. The appeal may be filed electronically: Appeals in administrative proceedings.

Assistance and problem-solving services

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Entity responsible for the content

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Data protection information

Personal data is processed in order to handle your case and/or conduct proceedings. Information on data processing and your rights as a data subject can be found on the form:

Further information

Additional requirements:

Professional competence must be evidenced by passing the sport climbing instructor examination pursuant to Section 7 of the Mountain Guides Act or by means of recognition pursuant to Sections 10 and 11 of the Mountain Guides Act. In individual cases, the Provincial Government may recognise other training courses as a substitute for the official training and examination if equivalence to the sport climbing instructor training and examination can be proven according to the Vorarlberg regulations. Training certificates from other Member States or third countries for which there are state treaties with the European Union stating their equivalence will be recognised by the Vorarlberg Provincial Government, provided that there are no significant differences. If significant differences cannot be compensated for by means of professional experience or lifelong learning, the applicant will be required to take an aptitude test or an adaptation course.

The necessary good repute must be proven by submitting a criminal record certificate. Evidence of good repute will be recognised if issued to citizens of the European Union by a competent authority in their Member State of origin.

Where such evidence is not issued in the Member State of origin, proof of good repute may be provided by means of a sworn statement; where such a declaration is not provided for in the Member State concerned, proof may be provided by means of a solemn declaration made before a competent authority of that Member State.

The necessary physical and mental aptitude must be evidenced by means of a medical certificate. For European Union citizens, the physical and mental fitness required in their Member State of origin will be recognised as evidence. If no such evidence is required in the Member State concerned, a certificate of physical and mental aptitude issued by a competent authority in that State will be accepted.

Evidence and certificates regarding good repute and physical and mental aptitude must be dated no more than 3 months prior to the date of submission.

Feedback forms

Feedback on the information services

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