ANNOUNCES

THE COURSE

»SKI GUIDE«

ZUTS/SITAS (Ski Instructors and Trainers Association of Slovenia) announces the course »Ski Guide«.

Course program:

DATE	PLACE	TYPE OF LESSON
16.-17.11.2026	online *(Candidates will receive the link by email at a later date)*	Introduction and Theoretical Lecture 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
24.11.-29.11.2026	Zermatt	PRACTICAL PART, THEORETICAL LECTURES, THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL EXAMINATION (65 hours)
30.11.-1.12.2026	Zermatt	PRACTICAL EXAMINATION (registration for the examination is required as described below) (5 hours)
INDIVIDUAL ARRANGEMENT	INDIVIDUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE MENTOR	PEDAGOGICAL PRACTICE (14 hours or. 2 days) + PRACTICAL EXAM (for those who did not take it at the end of the course)

The meeting of the course participants and the introductory meeting are scheduled for 23/11/2026, at 7 pm, in the Hotel Astoria, Piazzale delle Funivie, 11021 Breuil Cervinia (AO).
In the event of insufficient snow conditions, the organizer reserves the right to change the location of the practical part of the course.

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION (DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE)

To facilitate reading, only the masculine form is used in the appellation which, of course, always implies the feminine one.

The basic objective of the program is to train the ski instructor in the field of off-piste skiing for guidance and teaching to people and groups of basic, advanced and expert level, as well as for participation in the execution of all skiing activities that take place with the help of motorized ski lifts (ski lifts, treadmill, snowmobile, helicopter, etc.) outside the organized ski area or on its outskirts.

By passing the exams (theoretical and practical) and the internship, the candidate obtains the diploma of SKI GUIDE. Participation in the theoretical and practical parts of the course, as well as passing the theoretical exam are necessary conditions for access practical exam.

II. CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION

To enroll in the Ski Guide course, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- have acquired the title Professional Worker Level 1 – Sports Training (Alpine Ski Instructor Level 1),
- are ZUTS members,
- have made the membership fee to the OO-ZUTS and have the membership of the SZS-ZUTS Slovenia (Sloski club card - ZUTS) for the current season 26/27
- are at least 18 years old
- have at least a level IV education
- the organizer may conduct an entry practical assessment if it is required for a particular course and if the course providers decide to implement it. Candidates must possess sufficient skiing proficiency to ski safely outside groomed ski areas. Otherwise, the candidate may be excluded from the course.

Copies of the certificates of the necessary requirements can be sent scanned to prijave@sloski.si.

III. SUBJECT PROGRAM

Subjects and division of hours for the practical and theoretical parts:

Theoretical part: 22 hours

1. Avalanche equipment and other mountaineering equipment and their use - theoretical part (number of hours: 3)
2. Basic notions of orientation in the mountains - theoretical part (number of hours: 2)
3. Off-piste ski equipment - theoretical part (number of hours: 1)
4. First aid - theoretical part (number of hours: 3)
5. Snow and avalanches, dangers in an unorganized ski resort - theoretical part (number of hours: 6)

6. Technique and tactics of off-piste skiing and methodology for teaching off-piste skiing - theoretical part (number of hours: 3)
7. Guiding groups and individuals in off-piste - theoretical part (number of hours: 3)
8. Legislation, rules of conduct and comparison with provisions in other countries - theoretical part (number of hours: 1)

Practical part: 40 hours

1. Avalanche equipment and other mountaineering equipment and their use - practical part (number of hours: 5)
2. Basics of mountain orientation - practical part (number of hours: 3)
3. First aid - practical part (number of hours: 2)
4. Snow and avalanches, dangers in an unorganised ski resort - practical part (number of hours: 15)
5. Off-piste skiing technique and tactics and methodology for teaching off-piste skiing - practical part (number of hours: 3)
6. Guiding of groups and individuals off-piste - practical part (number of hours: 12)
7. Preparation for the next day (3 x 3 method)

Practical exam (number of hours: 5)
Theoretical exam (number of hours: 3)
Internship: 2 days

IV. PROGRESS CONDITIONS

In the Ski Guide program there is no vertical advancement.

V. COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

The conditions for completing the course are:

- passing the theoretical exam (from the contents listed in the program),
- passing the practical exam (from the contents listed in the program),
- delivery of the end-of-course essay (3x3 modules prepared during the course),
- successfully completed internship, which is necessary to obtain the title of Ski Guide (in accordance with the Rules on the Organization and Conduct of Training Courses at ZUTS Slovenia).

The candidate takes the exam before the examination board appointed by the SZS on the basis of the rules of the National Examination Board of ZUTS Slovenia. All obligations for completion must be fulfilled by the applicant within the next three ski seasons.

VI. NOTES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

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IV. COURSE DELIVERY AND REGISTRATION

The practical part of the course takes place under the guidance of instructors and employees of the off-piste skiing commission of ZUTS Slovenia, while the theoretical lessons are held by the instructors and licensed lecturers, as well as by experts in the specific fields related to the training program.

The theoretical exam consists of a written test on the topics covered in the theoretical lessons and a practical part concerning the following topics: rescue call, analysis of the avalanche forecast, guidance of the group off-piste, search and rescue of two buried avalanches, as well as one of the three modules concerning meteorology, mountain hazards or analysis of the snowpack. The practical exam is taken at the end of the course or as a practical exam during the teaching practice; the passed Safety Test is also recognized as a passed practical exam. A candidate can decide independently, depending on the fulfilment of the entry conditions, which test he or she will take.

The registration for the course is open to anyone who meets the requirements set out in point II. (registration requirements). The course will be organized in case of a minimum number of 8 candidates (including foreign language participants).

The registration for the course must be completed no later than 12.11.2026 at the link:: https://forms.gle/LraBnKqNpsGtYtqp6 .

*** REGISTRATION FOR THE SKI GUIDE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION / ISIA SECURITY TEST no later than 12.11.2026 at the link**: https://forms.gle/VWpmcsBz3S7htzdJ9

** Important: Candidates registering for this examination who have not yet successfully completed and obtained certification for the CTT Technical Test (TT) are not eligible to obtain the CTT Safety Test certificate on the basis of this examination. Should they wish to obtain the CTT Safety Test certificate at a later date, they will be required to successfully complete the CTT Technical Test (TT) and subsequently re-sit the CTT Safety Test, while fulfilling all prescribed requirements for certification in accordance with the delegated regulation. The fee for the Ski Guide Practical Examination / ISIA Security Test is €210 for foreign-language participants and must be paid to the IBAN indicated in this call.*

The number of places is limited. Candidates who register after the allotted number of places has been filled will be placed on a waiting list. We will inform candidates about their status after they submit their application.

Documents to be sent for application:

- properly completed application form
- copy of the ski instructor certification
- copy of the Sloski club membership Card, valid for the current season 26/27
- copy of identity document
- copy of diploma/certificate of education
- copy of the payment of the application fee

Send scanned supporting documents to prijave@sloski.si

V. ACCOMMODATION AND SKI PASS

For course participants, the course organizer has arranged the possibility of booking accommodation at preferential rates at:

Hotel Astoria
Piazzale delle Funivie
11021 Breuil Cervinia (AO)

Accommodation, including a ski pass package at preferential rates, can be booked up to the registration deadline (12.11.2026) via the following link: https://forms.gle/zsJ3comJ1e3YiL5a8.

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Course participants must pay the application fee of € 850.00, by the dates indicated, to the bank account Ski Association of Slovenia, Podutiska cesta 146, 1000 Ljubljana to IBAN: SI56 0400 1004 6477 054 SWIFT/BIC koda: KBMASI2X (OTP bank d.d., Slovenska cesta 58, 1000 Ljubljana).

The course includes all the lessons of teachers and instructors, the lecture notes, the use of video resources, the organization and management of the course and exams, the classrooms, the diplomas, the coats of arms. For non-native speakers, a translator is included in the theoretical and practical part of the course, with the exception of exams.

The Practical Examination for the Ski Guide qualification, the ISIA Security Test, and the CTT Safety Test are not included in the course fee.

The costs of food and accommodation, transport and ski passes are the responsibility of the candidates themselves.

Candidates must present themselves for the course with complete avalanche equipment and wear a ski helmet.

Attendance of the course is at your own risk and we recommend that you take out accident and third-party liability insurance. In the event of an accident, the course organizer assumes no liability. In case of bad weather, the organizer reserves the right to cancel the course or move the venue.

More information will be provided by email after the registration deadline.

For more information about the course, please contact: prijave@sloski.si or zuts@sloski.si.

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