

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
24/03- 29/03/2026	VOGEL	PRACTICAL PART, THEORETICAL LESSONS, THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL EXAM (65 hours)
30/03- 31/103/2026	VOGEL	PRACTICAL EXAM AS PART OF THE SAFETY TEST (application for the safety test is required according to the procedures of the relevant announcement) (5 hours)
INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT	INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TUTOR	INTERNSHIP (20 hours) + PRACTICAL EXAM (for those who did not take it during the safety test)

The meeting of the course participants and the introductory meeting are scheduled for 23/3/2026, at 7 pm, in the hotel.

Any changes and additional dates will be communicated to the selected candidates in time by e-mail.

1. 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.

2. CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION

To enroll in the Ski Guide course, candidates must meet the following requirements (the requirements apply only to this form of course organization; the regular course will be announced later):

1. have acquired the title Strokovni delavec 1 – športno treniranje (MAESTRO), at least ex U2,
2. are ZUTS members,
3. have paid the membership fee to the OO-ZUTS and have the membership of the SZS-ZUTS Slovenia (blue card / Sloski - ZUTS) for the current season,
4. are at least 18 years old,
5. have at least a level IV education,
6. have passed a practical placement test, if required for the course and if the course organisers decide to require it. Applicants must have sufficient skiing knowledge to ski safely outside of an unregulated ski area, otherwise they may be excluded from the course.

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

3. 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)

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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

4. PROGRESS CONDITIONS

In the Ski Guide program there is no vertical advancement.

5. CONDITIONS OF COMPLETION

The conditions for completing the course are:

1. passing the theoretical exam (from the contents listed in the program),
2. passing the practical exam (from the contents listed in the program),
3. delivery of the end-of-course essay (3x3 modules prepared during the course),
4. 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.

Candidates who have not yet met the formal requirements to take the security test, but wish to take the practical exam as part of the security test, will have the security test recognized once they fulfill all formal conditions for accessing the security test in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/907 dated 14 March 2019.

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6. NOTES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

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7. 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 takes place as part of the safety test or during the internship.

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).

Registration for the course must be completed **no later than 6/3/2026** at the link: <https://tinyurl.com/SkiGuideZUTS>. 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 Modra Kartica/Sloski Card, valid for the current season
- copy of identity document
- copy of diploma/certificate of education
- copy of the payment of the application fee

8. ACCOMMODATION

For the smooth running of the course, it is mandatory that all participants stay together at:

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Hotel Jezero
Ribčev Laz 51
4265 Bohinj Lake
Slovenia

The terms, reservation, and payment for accommodation and ski passes are outlined and must be completed by the registration deadline at the following link: <https://bookings.perfectride.si/en>.

Arrival at the hotel is possible on 23 March 2026, from 3pm onward.

9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Course participants must pay the application fee of € 740.00, by the dates indicated, to the bank account 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. Candidates carry out the internship, which is mandatory for obtaining the Ski Guide diploma, individually with the tutor. To obtain the CTT certificate, the internship is not mandatory.

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.

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 skiguidezuts@gmail.com.

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