

The following documentation process replaces the existing second step in the AIARE 3 application online form in cases where an applicant has not taken an AIARE 2 course: http://aiare.info/course_registration_L3.php?courseID=1473

In lieu of documenting completion of an AIARE 2 class since 2005, the applicant must:

I. Document completion of a non-AIARE level 2 course at least 40 hours in length, which adheres to the minimum AAA level 2 guidelines:

Date _____, Location _____, Provider _____

II. Prove currency with Snow, Weather and Avalanches: Observational Guidelines (SWAG).

Please submit a professional reference from a qualified supervisor (e.g. snow safety director, AAA Certified Instructor, AIARE 2 Course Leader, agency forecaster) who attests to your proficiency with the following:

A. Currency and familiarity with SWAG guidelines, field procedures, and recording methods including:

- Manual weather and snow surface observations
- Standard snowpack observations, including conducting full profiles and test profiles and graphic snow profile representation
- Small and large column and block tests (specifically CT, DT, ECT, PST, RB with release type)
- Shear character and fracture character
- Avalanche observations
- Site section of field observation sites

B. Currency and familiarity with avalanche hazard and risk assessment including:

- Analysis of weather and snowpack instability factors used in daily forecasting.
- Analysis of hazard and risk factors including identification of the avalanche problem, identification of persistent layers, assessing likelihood of triggering, assessing avalanche size, assessing exposure and vulnerability.
- North American Public Avalanche Danger Scale.
- Use of a daily hazard and risk checklist or operational form that promotes and records daily decisions and assesses trends.

Please compile the above documentation into a single .pdf file (<1MB in size) and upload along with your online AIARE 3 application.