

# FGASA MARINE GUIDE (NQF2) CERTIFICATE



**The FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2)** [*Previously known as FGASA Level 1 Marine Guide*] is able to identify the major living and non-living features of the coastal-marine environment in which s/he operates and interpret them at a level based mainly on observation and from an elementary scientific and cultural perspective.

As a general guideline, a Marine Guide(NQF2) has a sound knowledge of the history, geology, plants and animals (i.e. birds, mammals, reptiles, etc.) in the specific area of guiding operation. The FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2) must be registered with the National Department of Tourism in order to legally operate as a Nature Guide in a coastal-marine environment.

## **The FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2) Certificate consists of the following:**

### **Compulsory components**

- Conduct a guided nature experience in a limited geographical area
- Create a guided experience for customers

## **FGASA MARINE GUIDE (NQF2)**

### **At this level the Marine Guide:**

- Is operating as a nature site guide in a limited capacity but is in the process of development.
- May be operating as a competent guide in a number of different sites or a region. A Site usually refers to a particular Game or Nature reserve, National Park, Botanical garden, Bird Sanctuary. A region usually refers to a larger area within a particular Biome, such as the Kruger National Park and surrounding Private Game Reserves.

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- Has the basic knowledge considered essential to register and legally conduct a guided coastal-marine nature experience in a limited geographical area as a FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2).
- Has the knowledge considered essential to register with the National Department of Tourism (NDT) and legally conduct guided nature experiences as a FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2).
- Has been declared competent against the requirements of the FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2) theoretical and practical assessment.
- Has a valid, up-to-date Department of Labour recognised First Aid certificate.

## How do I get a FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2) qualification?

You will need to become a member of FGASA by completing the membership application form. You will receive relevant learning materials, including learner manuals, workbooks, and a logbook. Once you have successfully completed the required Marine Guide Workbook (this prepares you for the theory examination), you will be eligible to apply to write the FGASA Marine Guide (NQF2) theory examination. Once you have been declared theoretically competent by means of the theory examination you will be eligible to be practically assessed for the FGASA Marine Guide (NQF2) Certificate in a coastal-marine guiding area of your choice.

The **practical assessment** for the FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2) certificate is carried out by a registered FGASA assessor in a guiding area of your choice. You will need to take the assessor on a guided coastal-marine experience with or without clients but preferably with clients.

The practical assessment will be explained to you in detail by your assessor in the pre-assessment brief.

The assessor will make sure that you know what you will be assessed on so that you may prepare yourself for this assessment. (*Refer to the FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2) Learner workbook for details.*) Payment for your practical assessment is made directly to the assessor and does not come via the FGASA office.

Once you have been declared competent for the FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2) practical assessment you will have attained the FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2) Qualification for the specific site/region in which you have been assessed competent to guide in.



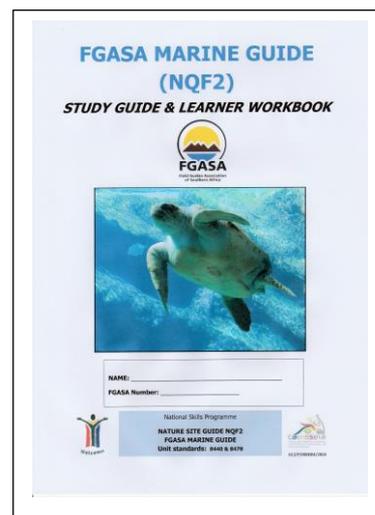
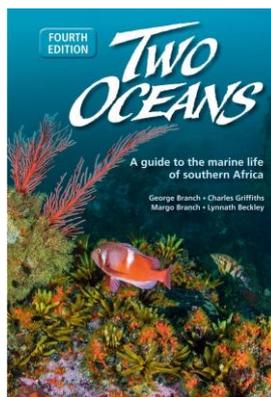
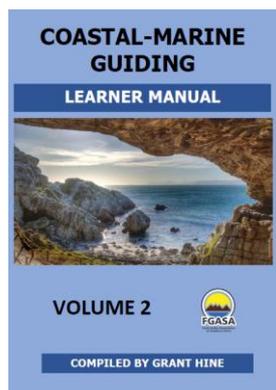
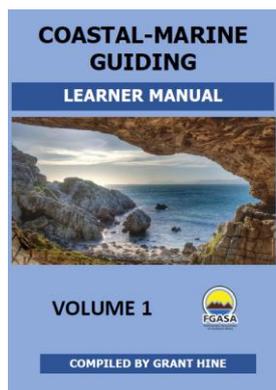
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## What learning materials do I need for the Marine Guide(NQF2) Certificate?

The following learning materials are **compulsory**:

- Coastal-Marine Guiding Learner Manual Volume 1 – Grant Hine (2018)
- Coastal-Marine Guiding Learner Manual Volume 2 – Grant Hine (2018)
- The FGASA Marine Learner Study Guide & Workbook
- Two Oceans – A guide to the marine life of southern Africa - Branch



## Recommended books to improve your own knowledge:

1. There are many books pertaining to the marine environment that will cover the syllabus for this Marine Guiding qualification. You need to choose those books that suit your needs best in covering the material in the syllabus.

Examples:

- Living shores, 2018 - Branch, G & Branch, M (Highly recommended)
- Coastal Fishes of Southern Africa – Phil & Elaine Heemstra
- The Coastal Guide of South Africa – Jacana publishers
- A Guide to the Garden Route – Jacana publishers

## Recommended guide books to make use of while conducting guided marine experiences:

1. Any one of these **mammal** books:
  - Stuart's Field Guide to Mammals of Southern Africa – Chris & Mathilde Stuart.
2. Any tree book that includes **trees** for your area of operation:
  - Trees of Southern Africa – B & P van Wyk
  - Sappi – the regional tree book for your area of operation
3. Any one of the following **bird** books:
  - Newman's Birds of South Africa – Sappi
  - Sasol Birds of SA – Sasol.
  - Roberts Guide to Birds of Southern Africa
  - Guide to Sea Birds of Southern Africa – Peter Ryan (Recommended)

## COMPULSORY MODULES FOR THE MARINE GUIDE (NQF2) CERTIFICATE

To complete the module requirements for the FGASA Marine Guide(NQF2) Certificate all of the following compulsory Modules have to be successfully completed.

### Compulsory components

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## CONDUCT AND CREATE A GUIDED NATURE EXPERIENCE IN A LIMITED GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

### This Module is assessed by means of:

- Workbook
- Theory examination
- Practical Assessment

### The following modules are included in this section:

1. Creating a guided coastal marine experience
2. The coastal-marine environment and the two oceans
3. Geology
4. Weather and Climate
5. Astronomy
6. Ecology
7. Basic Taxonomy
8. Sea Plants
9. Marine Invertebrates
10. Marine Fish
11. Amphibians
12. Marine Reptiles
13. Marine Birds
14. Marine Mammals
15. Animal behaviour
16. Conservation management
17. Historical human habitation



## THE MARINE GUIDE (NQF2) THEORY EXAMINATION

There is **one theory examination** that evaluates the following two compulsory modules:

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