

## THE FGASA SKS (DG) TRAILS GUIDE CERTIFICATE



Do you already have the FGASA Professional Field Guide certificate?

Yes

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Yes

You need to purchase and complete the FGASA SKS(DG) **workbook**.

Yes

Register online for the **SKS(DG) theory examination** as well as to pay the **exam fee**.

Yes

You need to be **declared competent** (pass) the FGASA SKS (DG) theory examination (75%).

Yes

Your **logbook** needs to be signed off by FGASA head office.

Yes

You need to log a minimum of 1200 hours on trail as 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Rifle.

Yes

### Hours:

- Must have guided or participated for at least 200 hours on backpack/primitive style trails in dangerous game areas.
- A maximum of 100 hours can be non-guiding activities e.g. rhino monitoring, security on tracking assessments, or as a participant on a FGASA approved Wilderness, Primitive or Backpacking Trail specifically designed to mentor Trails Guides, etc.
- A minimum of 100 hours (of the 600) must be mentored hours
- A minimum of five different mentors must be involved during the 100 hours
- Three of the five mentors must be SKS (DG) Assessors.

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No

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**Encounters:**

- Log a minimum of 600 encounters with at least 30 encounters from each of the animal categories and must include all seven species. This must be in the workplace during guiding based activities.
- A maximum of 100 encounters can be non-guiding activities e.g. rhino monitoring, security on tracking assessments, or as a participant on a FGASA approved Wilderness, Primitive or Backpacking Trail specifically designed to mentor Trails Guides, etc.

↓ **Yes**

You need to complete your SKS(DG) **practical assessment**.



- This is a multi-day backpacking/primitive trail in a dangerous game area where all the different dangerous game categories occur.
- Minimum number of candidates is two to allow for peer review.
- It is conducted by an External Assessor and one Assessor if only two candidates, or an External Assessor plus two Assessors when more than two candidates are on the assessment.
- Each candidate must be assessed as 1<sup>st</sup> Rifle for at least 1½ days (including 1 night) and as 2<sup>nd</sup> Rifle for at least 1½ days (including 1 night). Therefore the duration will slide as the minimum two candidates will take 3 full days and 2 nights, three or four candidates will take 6 full days and 5 nights.
- It must include a minimum of two encounters as 1<sup>st</sup> Rifle.

↓ **Yes**

Your **Advanced Rifle Handling** needs to be current.

↓ **Yes**

You need to undergo the FGASA SKS (DG) shooting assessment.

↓ **Yes**

You need to have the **Tracker Level 3** certificate.

↓ **Yes**

You need to have Wilderness First Aid Level 2.

↓ **Yes**

You will be awarded the **FGASA SKS(DG) certificate**.