

FGASA PROFESSIONAL FIELD GUIDE QUALIFICATIONS PROCEDURE




1 You need to have **already obtained the Nature Site Guide NQF4** qualification and be up-to-date with FGASA. Only then can you register for the **FGASA Professional Field Guide** qualification.


2 Need to have logged a **MINIMUM of 520 days** of active guiding to register for the **FGASA Professional Field Guide**. The experience can be from anywhere but the experience **MUST have been conducted by you**. You will not be able to register without the minimum required number of days.

3 You need to submit your **green FGASA Field Guide Logbook** with **verified and recorded active guiding experience** to the FGASA Head Office to be signed off.

4 You need to purchase the correct learning materials: **Professional Field Guide Study Guide and Workbook 1 & 2, Managing Tourism in South Africa, The Story of Life & The Environment, all Elective learning materials.**




5 You need to **complete the Professional Field Guide Workbooks 1 & 2** to help you prepare for the theory examination. **This is compulsory.**




6 **Register online** for the **Professional Field Guide exam**, via your FGASA Members profile and pay for the exam. **Exams are not booked unless they are paid for.**




7 You need to **pass the exam with 75%**. This will declare you competent.



8 You may now book your **practical assessment with a FGASA Assessor**. This will happen over a **2-3 day period at the workplace**, hosting guests.



9 You need to **submit the completed Professional Field Guide Workbooks 1 & 2** as well as **ALL elective workbooks** to your Assessor. **All Workbooks and Electives are compulsory.**





Electives as follows:

- Minimise and Manage Safety and Emergency Incidents
- Conduct a guided biome experience
- Research and design a guided experience at a prominent tourist destination
- Conduct a guided birding experience (bird slide and sound exam + assessment)
- South African General Knowledge
- Guiding Tourism Management
- Guiding Conservation Management



10 You will need to **pass (be declared competent) your practical assessment** by your Assessor.



10 You will be **awarded your FGASA Professional Field Guide Certificate.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The FGASA Professional Field Guide Certificate rests solely with FGASA, no additional registration with CATHSSETA is required.

Valid First Aid Certificates are required for **ALL FGASA Qualifications.**