

# FGASA PROFESSIONAL TRAILS GUIDE QUALIFICATIONS PROCEDURE



**1. You need to have already obtained the FGASA Professional Field Guide Qualifications AND have the Trails Guide NQF4 Certificate. You will not be permitted to register for the FGASA Professional Trails Guide Qualification without first obtaining these two. You need to be an up-to-date member of FGASA.**

**2. You need to have a minimum of 600 walking hours as either 1st or 2nd/Back-up rifle logged in your brown FGASA Dangerous Game Logbook.**

### **3. Required Hours:**

- **500 hours must be in the workplace** during guiding based activities with regular walking guests in **areas where free-roaming dangerous game occurs**. All 600 hours may be logged in the workplace.
- **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 Trails specifically designed to mentor Trails Guides, etc.




#### 4. Required Encounters:

- A minimum of **300 encounters** with at least **ten encounters from each of the animal categories**. At least **270 encounters must be in the workplace** during guiding based activities. All 300 encounters may be logged in the work place.
- **A maximum of 30 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.





#### The Animal Categories are as follows:

- Elephant bull
- Elephant breeding herd
- Buffalo bull
- Buffalo breeding herd
- Lion and/or leopard
- White and/or black rhino
- Hippopotamus out of water



5. Once the **minimum number of hours and encounters** has been completed and **logged in your brown FGASA Dangerous Game Logbook** you need to **submit your logbook** to the FGASA Head Office for sign-off.





**6. You need to have an up-to-date valid ARH (Advanced Rifle Handling) on your Trails Guide certificate.**



**7. You need to have the Tracker Level 2 Certificate, this comprises of a minimum of Animal Track & Sign level 2 and Animal Trailing level 2.**



**8. You will be awarded the FGASA Professional Trails Guide Certificate**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

**A valid First Aid certificate is a requirement for all FGASA qualifications.**