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 **3 day period at the workplace,** hosting guests (assessed over 6 activities).

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.**