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GTE Award Purpose

The Guide Training and Education (GTE) Award is to provide commercial operators, industry organizations, national federations, government regulators and other interested parties worldwide with a common standard for whitewater professionals.

Minimum Requirements

- Be at least 18 years old, trainees must be at least 16 years old.
- Be able to swim.
- Hold a current (not older than 3 years) Basic First Aid Certificate (FAC) or equivalent with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Trip Leaders, Instructors and Assessors must hold advanced certification such as Wilderness First Aid or Responder or Red Cross FAC level 2 etc.
- Maintain a logbook or record of each run. Ideally signed by the Trip Leader or Operations Manager of the company. As proof of experience, relevant individual/ or company contact details should be included in the log This is to be presented as proof of experience before an assessment.
- Complete at least one familiarization run, and know the evacuation routes and procedures that are appropriate for the stretch of whitewater on which they intend to Guide, Trip Lead, Instruct or Assess (Note that an exception to this requirement is made in the case of highly experienced guides running exploratory or infrequently run expedition-style trips where a familiarisation run may be impractical.)
- Companies, Assessors and Instructors are responsible for checking river levels before trips or training and ensuring candidates and guides allocated to the trips or training are appropriately qualified, experienced and equipped

Award Fee Structure

All certifications and renewals are valid for 3 years

Guide Assessment fee (includes card)	US\$60.00
Trip Leader Assessment fee (includes card)	US\$90.00
Instructor Assessment fee (includes card)	US\$150.00
Guide or Trip Leader Renewal Fee (without card)	US\$25.00
Instructor Renewal Fee (without card)	US\$0.00
Renewals for expired certifications	US\$10.00 per year expired plus above renewal fees
Replacement or renewal cards	US\$25.00

Where candidates receive multiple assessments at one time they will be required to pay the higher fee for their assessment plus US\$15.00 for the second qualification.

For example:

Raft Guide AND Safety Kayaker Certification (one card)	US\$60.00 + US\$15.00 = US\$75.00
Trip Leader AND Safety Kayaker Certification (one card)	US\$90.00 + US\$15.00 = US\$105.00

Instructor & Assessor Fees

Instructors and Assessors normally require a fee to compensate for their time and expense in providing the assessment. These fees are set by the Instructor or Assessor and will vary in the amount charged depending on several factors including (but not limited to) length of course, location of the river, equipment and services provided, number of candidates, the country or region, and the currency and method used for payment. To determine the total cost of any course, you will need to communicate directly with your Instructor or Assessor.



Definitions

General

Run

A single trip down a stretch of river. For logbook purposes, a run is equivalent to every 2 hours of on-river rafting time.

Guide Training Programme (GTP)

A structured course and/or on the job training that is a prerequisite to obtaining any GTE certification. A GTP must include the following topics:

- (a) skills - rafting techniques, crew training and management, emergency and rescue techniques
- (b) knowledge - equipment, safety and emergency procedures, rapid theory, leadership & signals

Training Module (TM)

Specific training modules for additional skills related to rafting such as; Safety Kayaking, Oar Rafting, Safety Rafting, Event Rescue, River Rescue, Inline Rafting etc.

Level

Indicates the level of ability in relation to experience and the river class or grade where appropriate.

Craft

Raft (R)

Inflatable, multi-passenger, craft especially designed for use on whitewater rivers. Rafts should always be operated by a trained Guide when attempting to run whitewater, above class III.

Safety Raft

An Oar Raft or Cataraft used primarily for the purposes of on-river safety (safety boat). A Safety Raft may also be used to transport equipment, stores and luggage (gear boat), however there can be no passengers onboard the raft other than trained guide staff.

InLine Raft (iR)

Inflatable, single, double or triple passenger, self-draining craft especially designed for whitewater. Also known as an inflatable kayak or inflatable canoe. Can be operated by a trained Guide, or by relatively unskilled persons when running mild whitewater.

Safety Kayak

A single person, hard shell kayak specifically designated to provide on-river safety during a raft trip. A Safety Kayak must always be operated by a person trained and experienced in providing kayak safety support.



Designation

Certification Restrictions

Site Specific (ss)

'Site Specific' locations are whitewater areas that rarely (if ever) change in volume or flow characteristics, such as a dam controlled river or a whitewater stadium. At such locations, it is possible for a Guide to perform competently by memorizing the run rather than by developing river reading skills. Awards that are designated as 'Site Specific', are restricted to the site that is specified on the certification, and for the conditions that are normally encountered at the site. Site Specific awards are not awarded a Level, but always name the specific river and section (or location) of the site, and are only valid for the named site.

Provisional (p)

A candidate who has successfully complied with most of the requirements needed to obtain a particular GTE award, but has not yet complied with all requirements. Individuals with Provisional status are restricted from utilizing their award except when under the direct supervision of an individual who holds a full IRF GTE certification of an equal or higher Level. For example, an individual who has been certified as a Level 2 Provisional Raft Guide RG2p, may only operate a raft if a fully certified GTE Level 2 Raft Guide RG2 (or higher) is physically in the raft with the Provisional Guide. An individual who has been certified as a GTE Level 3 Provisional Raft Instructor RI3p, may only conduct a GTE workshop if a fully certified GTE Level 3 Raft Instructor RI3 (or higher) is assisting the workshop.

Individuals with Provisional status may obtain full certification once all necessary requirements have been fulfilled or demonstrated to the appropriately qualified Instructor or Assessor. It is not necessary that the individual participate in a full Workshop in order to demonstrate the remaining requirements.

Guide (G)

A person who has demonstrated that they have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to safely and competently control a raft on a whitewater river, while acting as captain of a crew of inexperienced paddlers. A Guide must also be capable of operating as a member of a team of Guides, be skilled in standard whitewater rescue techniques, Candidates for this award must provide a logbook or other evidence of experience on more than one river equal to the Level of award desired, evidence of training equivalent to a GTE GTP, and hold a current standard first aid and CPR certification.

Safety Rafter (SR)

A person who has demonstrated that they have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to safely and competently provide on-river safety support from a raft that is primarily controlled by oars (oar raft or cataraft). Candidates for this award must provide a logbook or other evidence of experience on more than one river equal to the Level of award desired, evidence of training equivalent to a GTE GTP, and hold a current standard first aid and CPR certification.



Safety Kayaker (SK)

A person who has demonstrated that they have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to safely and competently provide on-river safety support from a kayak. Candidates for this award must provide a logbook or other evidence of experience on more than one river equal to the Level of award desired, evidence of training equivalent to a GTE GTP, and hold a current standard first aid and CPR certification.

River Rescue Technician (R)

A person who has demonstrated that they have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to safely and competently provide specialized rescue assistance in a river or swift water environment. Candidates for this award must provide evidence of recent training (not more than two years) in a river rescue training program approved by the IRF, OR satisfactorily complete an IRF River Rescue training program, and hold a current standard first aid and CPR certification.

Trip Leader (TL) Trip Head Guide

A person who has demonstrated that they have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to competently and safely lead a river trip. The Trip Leader is in control of the rafting trip, and is responsible for coordinating the actions of other Guides on the trip. Candidates for this award must provide a logbook or other evidence of trip leader experience on more than one river equal to the Level of award desired; must demonstrate a high level of Guide skill and knowledge, interpersonal skills, and a thorough knowledge of trip planning, river rescue techniques, and emergency procedures; and are required to hold a current advanced first aid certificate or higher.

Instructor (I)

A person who has demonstrated that they have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to competently and safely conduct an IRF GTE Workshop. GTE Instructors are the 'face' of the IRF GTE program and are required to have exceptional interpersonal and river skills, and to represent the IRF with honor and integrity. Candidates for this award must possess a current Trip Leader award for the Level and type of Instructor award that they wish to acquire; must be capable of demonstrating a variety of teaching methods and techniques for instructing and assessing GTE program participants, must be capable of fully demonstrating all physical skills required of their students; and must have a current advanced first aid certificate or higher.

Assessor (A) Instructor Trainer

GTE Assessors represent the highest level of the IRF GTE program and are primarily responsible for training and assessing GTE Instructor candidates, and keeping Instructors current with changes and updates through organized Instructor Workshops. Assessors must have an exceptionally high level of Instructor skill and knowledge, and maintain a current advanced first aid certificate or higher. Assessors also act as IRF Ambassadors, and are responsible for assisting government officials and regulators who have adapted the GTE program, and may be called upon to help settle disputes among Instructors, serve on panels and committees, and contribute toward program improvements. Candidates for this award must possess a Level 4 GTE Instructor award for the type of Assessor award that they wish to acquire; must submit an original work to the GTE Committee that demonstrates an exemplarity knowledge of guiding and/or compliments and improves upon the body of work used by the IRF GTE Program; must be recommended for Assessor status by a minimum of two (2) current and active IRF GTE Assessors; and must be voted for acceptance by a majority of the GTE Committee.



Regional Assessor (RgA) Instructor Trainer and GTE Administrator

GTE Regional Assessors are Assessors who have been appointed to have regional administrative control and oversight over a specific region, country or countries. Regional Assessors are nominated by the GTE Committee and approved by the IRF Executive Committee. Candidates must be active GTE Assessors with a thorough understanding of the entire IRF GTE Award Program; must maintain regular contact with all GTE Instructors who reside or conduct Workshops within their region, offer regular Instructor Workshops and updates, help to resolve disputes between Instructors, initiate disciplinary hearings and actions when needed, and generally ensure that all areas of the GTE Program within their region is organised and managed with integrity, honor, and according to current procedures and requirements.

GTE Committee

The GTE Committee is responsible for advancing [IRF BYLAW](#) 5, Sections 9, 10 and 11 of the IRF Bylaws. This includes developing and promoting programs and systems that may be used as a common standard for rafting guides, river safety personnel, and rafting tour operators.

The GTE Committee is composed of 7-10 active GTE Assessors and Instructors who are appointed by the IRF Executive Committee.

The Head(s) of the GTE Committee must be a duly elected member(s) of the Board of Directors who is an active GTE Assessor.

The GTE Committee is responsible for developing budgets and management systems necessary for the support and growth of GTE programs.

GTE Ethics Panel

The GTE Ethics Panel is the body charged with creating and enforcing ethical standards for the GTE Program. The Ethics Panel has the right to withdraw a person's certification or to refuse renewal if deemed necessary to maintain the standards and integrity of the program. The Ethic Panel is comprised of a rotating pool of GTE Assessors and IRF Administration Officers.

IRF Executive Committee

The IRF Executive Committee appoints the members of the GTE Committee, guides its work, and reviews, comments, codifies and finalises its recommendations. The IRF Executive Committee is comprised of a maximum of five (5) members of the IRF Board of Directors who are familiar with GTE objectives, and shall (at minimum) include the IRF President, the IRF Secretary General, and the GTE Committee Head(s).

Renewal Requirement

All certifications expire three (3) years after issue. Renewal of certification requires payment of the relevant renewal fee and proof that the requirements listed in the Assessment and Renewal Criteria chart below have been satisfied. Renewals for Instructors must be completed within six (6) months after expiration or they will be required to recertify. All other late renewals will be required to pay an additional administrative renewal fee.



GTE Award Structure

Raft

Standard Raft - Cataract

Designation	Code	Award & Level	Description
Raft Guide	RG2	Raft Guide – Level 2	Certified to operate as a Raft Guide on rapids up to Class 2.
	RG3	Raft Guide – Level 3	Certified to operate as a Raft Guide on rapids up to Class 3.
	RG4	Raft Guide – Level 4	Certified to operate as a Raft Guide on rapids up to Class 4.
	RG5	Raft Guide – Level 5	Certified to operate as a Raft Guide on rapids up to Class 5.
Safety Rafter Gear Boat Oar Raft	SR2	Safety Rafter – Level 2	Certified to operate as a Safety Rafter on rapids up to Class 2.
	SR3	Safety Rafter – Level 3	Certified to operate as a Safety Rafter on rapids up to Class 3.
	SR4	Safety Rafter – Level 4	Certified to operate as a Safety Rafter on rapids up to Class 4.
	SR5	Safety Rafter – Level 5	Certified to operate as a Safety Rafter on rapids up to Class 5.
Trip Leader Head Guide Senior Guide	RTL2	Raft Trip Leader – Level 2	Certified to operate as a Raft Trip Leader on rapids up to Class 2.
	RTL3	Raft Trip Leader – Level 3	Certified to operate as a Raft Trip Leader on rapids up to Class 3.
	RTL4	Raft Trip Leader – Level 4	Certified to operate as a Raft Trip Leader on rapids up to Class 4.
	RTL5	Raft Trip Leader – Level 5	Certified to operate as a Raft Trip Leader on rapids up to Class 5.
Instructor	RI3	Raft Instructor – Level 3	Certified to conduct GTE Workshops for Raft Guide, Trip Leader, and Safety Candidates on rapids up to Class 3.
	RI4	Raft Instructor – Level 4	Certified to conduct GTE Workshops for Raft Guide, Trip Leader, and Safety Candidates on rapids up to Class 4.
Assessor Instructor Trainer	RA	Raft Assessor	Certified to conduct GTE Workshops for Raft Guide, Trip Leader, Safety, and Instructor Candidates on rapids up to Class 4.

Raft - Restriction Designators

Type	Code	Application	Description
Site Specific	(ss)	RG, SR, RTL	Certified ONLY at the site specified on the certification during normal flows/conditions.
Provisional	(p)	RG, SR, RTL, RI	Has not completed all award requirements. Certified ONLY when additional conditions are met.



InLine Raft

Inflatable kayak – Inflatable canoe

Designation	Code	Award & Level	Description
Guide InLine Raft Guide Inflatable Kayak or Canoe Guide	iRG2	InLine Raft Guide – Level 2	Certified to operate as an InLine Raft Guide on rapids up to Class 2.
	iRG3	InLine Raft Guide – Level 3	Certified to operate as an InLine Raft Guide on rapids up to Class 3.
InLine Safety Rafters	iRS2	InLine Safety Rafters – Level 2	Certified to operate as an InLine Safety Rafters on rapids up to Class 2.
	iRS3	InLine Safety Rafters – Level 3	Certified to operate as an InLine Safety Rafters on rapids up to Class 3.
Trip Leader Head Guide Senior Guide	iRTL2	InLine Raft Trip Leader – Level 2	Certified to operate as an InLine Raft Trip Leader on rapids up to Class 2.
	iRTL3	InLine Raft Trip Leader – Level 3	Certified to operate as an InLine Safety Raft Trip Leader on rapids up to Class 3.
Instructor	iRI	InLine Raft Instructor	Certified to conduct GTE Workshops for InLine Raft Guide, Trip Leader, and Safety Candidates on rapids up to Class 3.
Assessor Instructor Trainer	iRA	InLine Raft Assessor	Certified to conduct GTE Workshops for InLine Raft Guide, Trip Leader, Safety, and Instructor Candidates on rapids up to Class 3

InLine Raft – Restriction Designators

Type	Code	Application	Description
Site Specific	(ss)	iRG, iRS, iRTL	Certified ONLY at the site specified on the certification during normal flows/conditions.
Provisional	(p)	iRG, iRS, iRTL, iRI	Has not completed all award requirements. Certified ONLY when additional conditions are met.



Safety Kayak

Designation	Code	Award and Level	Description
Safety Kayak	SK2	Safety Kayak – Level 2	Certified to operate as a Safety Kayaker on rapids up to Class 2.
	SK3	Safety Kayak – Level 3	Certified to operate as a Safety Kayaker on rapids up to Class 3.
	SK4	Safety Kayak – Level 4	Certified to operate as a Safety Kayaker on rapids up to Class 4.
	SK5	Safety Kayak – Level 5	Certified to operate as a Safety Kayaker on rapids up to Class 5.
Safety Kayak Instructor	SKI3	Safety Kayak Instructor – Level 3	Certified to conduct GTE Safety Kayak Workshops on rapids up to Class 3.
	SKI4	Safety Kayak Instructor – Level 4	Certified to conduct GTE Workshops for Safety Kayak candidates on rapids up to Class 4.
Assessor Instructor Trainer	KA	Safety Kayak Assessor	Certified to conduct GTE Workshops for Safety Kayak and Safety Kayak Instructor Candidates on rapids up to Class 4.

Safety Kayak – Restriction Designators

Type	Code	Application	Description
Site Specific	(ss)	SK	Certified ONLY at the site specified on the certification during normal flows/conditions.
Provisional	(p)	SK, SKI	Has not completed all award requirements. Certified ONLY when additional conditions are met.



River & Event Rescue Technician

Designation	Code	Award & Level	Description
River Rescue Technician	RRB	River Rescue - Basic	Participated in an introductory course to Whitewater River Rescue.
	RRCS	River Rescue Certification – Standard	Certified to operate as a Whitewater River Rescue Technician.
	RRCA	River Rescue Certification – Advanced	Certified to operate as an Advanced Whitewater River Rescue Technician.
Event Rescue Technician	ERCss	Event Rescue Certification – Site Specific	Certified to operate as an Event River Rescue Technician ONLY at the site specified on the certification during normal flows/conditions.
	ERC	Event Rescue Certification – Standard	Certified to operate as an Event River Rescue Technician at all IRF Race Events.
	ERCA	Event Rescue Certification – Advanced	Certified to operate as an Advanced Event River Rescue Technician at all IRF Race Events.
Instructor	RRI	River Rescue Instructor	Certified to conduct GTE Workshops for River and Event Rescue Candidates on rapids up to Class 3.
Assessor Instructor Trainer	RRA	River Rescue Assessor	Certified to conduct GTE Workshops for River Rescue, Event Rescue, and Rescue Instructor Candidates on rapids up to Class 3.



Assessment and Renewal Criteria

Raft Guide

Code	Minimum Training	Minimum Experience	Assessment	Renewal Requirement
RG2	IRF compliant raft guide GTP + Standard 1st Aid with CPR	10 runs or 20 hours	Score 3 or more on guide assessment skill sheet	Every 3 years + log of minimum 10 runs + current Standard 1st Aid with CPR + IRF renewal fee
RG3 RG4		30 runs or 60 hours at relevant level		
RG5			RG4 certification + application to GTE Committee based on approved Class 5 river experience	

InLine Raft Guide

Code	Minimum Training	Minimum Experience	Assessment	Renewal Requirement
iRG2	IRF compliant raft guide GTP	10 runs or 20 hours	Score 3 or more on guide assessment skill sheet	Every 3 years + log of minimum 10 runs + current Standard 1st Aid with CPR + IRF renewal fee
iRG3	IRF compliant inline raft training module + Standard 1st Aid	30 runs or 60 hours		

Safety Rafter

Code	Minimum Training	Minimum Experience	Assessment	Renewal Requirement
SR2	IRF compliant raft guide GTP	10 runs or 20 hours	Score 3 or more on guide assessment skill sheet	Every 3 years + log of minimum 10 runs + current Standard 1st Aid with CPR + IRF renewal fee
SR3		30 runs or 60 hours		
SR4	IRF compliant safety rafter training module			
SR5	+ Standard 1st Aid		SR4+ application to GTE Committee based on approved class 5 rivers	



InLine Safety Rafter

Code	Minimum Training	Minimum Experience	Assessment	Renewal Requirement
iRS2	IRF compliant raft guide GTP	10 runs or 20 hours	Score 3 or more on guide assessment skill sheet	Every 3 years + log of minimum 10 runs + current Standard 1st Aid with CPR + IRF renewal fee
iRS3	IRF compliant Inline safety rafter training module + Standard 1st Aid with CPR	30 runs or 60 hours		

Safety Kayak

Code	Minimum Training	Minimum Experience	Assessment	Renewal Requirement
SK2	IRF compliant safety kayak training module + Standard 1st Aid with CPR	10 runs or 20 hours	Score 3 or more on guide assessment skill sheet	Every 3 years + log of minimum 10 runs + current Standard 1st Aid with CPR + IRF renewal fee
SK3 SK4		30 runs or 60 hours at relevant level		
SK5			SK4 + application to GTE Committee based on approved class 5 rivers	



Assessment & Renewal Criteria continued

River & Event Rescue Technician

Code	Minimum Training	Minimum Experience	Assessment	Renewal Requirement
RRB Basic	IRF compliant River Rescue Training Module	Attend and pass IRF RRB training module	Demonstrate competency + Theory exam	Every 3 years + attend relevant renewal workshop + current Standard 1st Aid with CPR + IRF renewal fee
RRCS Standard	+ Standard 1st Aid with CPR	10 runs or 20 hours in role of river rescue	Score 3 or more on river rescue skill sheet + relevant level theory exam	
RRCA Advanced	IRF compliant river rescue training module + Advanced 1st Aid	30 runs or 60 hours in role of river rescue	Score 4 or more on river rescue skill sheet + relevant level theory exam + scenario assessment	
ERB Basic	IRF compliant event rescue training module	Attend and pass IRF ERB training module	Demonstrate competency + Theory exam	
ERCS Standard	+ Standard 1st Aid	10 runs or 20 hours in role of event rescue RG 2 or above	Score 3 or more on event rescue skill sheet + relevant level theory exam	
ERCA Advanced	IRF compliant event rescue training module + Advanced 1st Aid	30 runs or 60 hours in role of event rescue RG3 or above	Score 4 or more on event rescue skill sheet + relevant level theory exam + scenario assessment	



Assessment & Renewal Criteria continued

Raft Trip Leader

Code	Minimum Training	Minimum Experience	Assessment	Renewal Requirement
RTL2	Relevant RG Level or higher + 3 TL training trips supervised by relevant level TL or higher + Advanced 1st Aid	50 runs or 100 hours class 2 or above	Score 4 or more on guide assessment skill sheet at relevant level + relevant level theory exam	20 runs on relevant class of whitewater with at least 10 as TL + current advanced 1st aid + IRF renewal fee
RTL3		75 runs or 150 hours class 3 or above		
RTL4		125 runs or 250 hours class 4 or above	+ scenario assessment	
RTL5		200 runs or 400 hours class 5 or above	RTL4+ application to GTE Committee based on approved class 5 river experience	

InLine Raft Trip Leader

Code	Minimum Training	Minimum Experience	Assessment	Renewal Requirement
iRTL2	Relevant iRG Level or higher	50 runs or 100 hours class 2 or above	Score 4 or more on guide assessment skill sheet at relevant level	20 runs on relevant class of whitewater with at least 10 as iRTL
iRTL3	+ 3 TL training trips supervised by relevant level TL or higher + Advanced 1st Aid	75 runs or 150 hours class 3 or above	+ relevant level theory exam + scenario assessment	+ current advanced 1st aid + IRF renewal fee



Assessment & Renewal Criteria continued

Instructor

Code	Minimum Training	Minimum Experience	Assessment	Renewal Requirement
RI3	Relevant TL class or higher + Assist on 2 IRF GTP & 1 Guide & TL scenario assessment + Attend IRF instructor workshop + Advanced 1st Aid	100 runs or 200 hours as relevant level & designation TL or above + Experience on rivers in at least two countries	Performance on 2 x GTP and/or Instructor Workshop + Delivery of a GTP & Guide/TL Assessments + Score 4 or more on guide and TL assessment skill sheet for the relevant level and designation + relevant level & designation theory exam	Conduct three Assessment Workshops
RI4				+ Attend IRF Instructor workshop or GTE conference
iRI				+ Be physically capable of demonstrating all designation skills being taught or assessed + valid Advanced 1st Aid Certificate
SKI3	Relevant class SK or higher + Relevant to level, assist on 2 IRF SK training modules & 1 SK assessment + Attend IRF instructor workshop + Advanced 1st Aid	100 runs or 200 hours at relevant level + Experience on rivers in at least two countries	Performance on 2 x SK training modules + Delivery of a relevant level SK training module & SK Assessment + Score 4 or more on SK assessment skill sheet for the relevant level	Conduct two training modules & one assessment at the relevant level & designation + Attend IRF Instructor workshop or GTE conference
SKI4				
RRI	IRF GTE GTP + ERCA and or RRCA + Advanced 1st Aid	Be in charge of event rescue 5 times + RI3 or above + Experience on rivers in at least two countries	Score 4 or more on event rescue skill sheet + relevant level & designation theory exam + Be assessed conducting relevant designation RR training module	+ valid Advanced 1st Aid Certificate



Assessment & Renewal Criteria continued

Assessor Instructor Trainer

Code	Minimum Training	Minimum Experience	Assessment	Renewal Requirement
RA	Hold an IRF Level 4 Instructor certification in the relevant designation + assist a minimum of 3 IRF instructor workshops including assessments conducted by at least 2 different Assessors in the relevant designation + Attended a GTE conference	Have conducted at least 10 GTP in the relevant designation + Conducted at least 5 of any relevant training module workshops + Assessed 50 candidates in the relevant designation + Participated on at least 5 relevant instructor workshops + International experience on multiple rivers	Nomination by 2 Assessors + Dissertation related to GTE + Approval of majority of GTE Committee	Conduct two relevant Instructor workshops or GTP + ongoing involvement in the promotion of the IRF AS
iRA				
KA				
RRA			All of the above requirements + nomination by 2 RRAs	
RgA	Hold current Assessor certification + Thorough understanding of the IRF GTE award and administration process + High level of administration skills	Active GTE Committee member for 2 years	Nominated by the GTE Committee and approved by the IRF Executive Committee	Approval by the IRF Executive Committee