

## 25/26 ALIGNMENT UPDATE

RE: Alpine & Snowboard - L2 & L3 Assessment Modules

We want to begin by recognizing and appreciating your dedication to professional growth and your commitment to working through the assessment process. Your time, effort, and skill development are valued and critical to the strength of the PSIA-AASI community and the Snowsports Industry.

National Alignment necessitates change; shifting our standards, practices, and policies is part of the work we do to achieve alignment. Through each evolution, we aim to provide clarity, resources, and guidance on the impact to your assessment pathway, including the requirements and modular components of our Level 2 and Level 3 Alpine and Snowboard assessments. The transition to a fully modular 3-part Technical Understanding and Movement Analysis, Ski/Ride, and Teach assessment may be the most significant change in the last 5 years.

Part of what makes this challenging is that there are hundreds of members in unique situations following distinct professional development pathways over varying time frames. Below, we have done our best to categorize common circumstances and clearly chart the specific impacts to certification for each.

### 24/25 Season and Earlier

Under the previous assessment process (prior to July 1, 2025), Level 2 and Level 3 Alpine Ski and Snowboard Ride Assessments were conducted as complete pass/fail events, inclusive of multiple modules and assessment forms. Partial passes of either the Ski/Ride **OR** the Tech/MA module were not issued and are not recognized. Candidates who were not successful (did not pass) were required to retake both modules days at a subsequent assessment.

- There are **no partial passes** of Ski/Ride or Tech/MA modules completed **prior to July 1, 2025**. Anyone who did not attain an overall pass in the Ski/Ride assessment must successfully complete both the Tech/MA and Ski/Ride assessments to be eligible for the Teach Assessment.

Anyone who successfully passed the Ski/Ride assessment prior to the 24/25 Season but had not passed the Teach Assessment was contacted last year to complete an online course called Zoom MA (ZMA) to ensure your certification covered the new standards and content in the 3-module format. ZMA was only offered in the 24/25 Season. If you passed your ZMA, you remain eligible to take the Teach Assessment. If you did not pass, or did not take the ZMA, you are required to successfully complete the Tech/MA Assessment in order to be eligible for the Teach Assessment. You are not required to retake the Ski/Ride Assessment.

- Members who **successfully** completed the Ski/Ride assessment **prior to the 24/25 season** must have passed the ZMA or will need to complete the Tech/MA assessment to be eligible for the Teach Assessment.



## 25/26 Season and Beyond

All three assessment modules (Level 2/3 Ski/Ride Assessment, Level 2/3 Technical Understanding and Movement Analysis Assessment, and Level 2/3 Teach Assessment) must be successfully completed in order to attain Level 2 or 3 Certification.

Anyone who has not previously attained an overall pass in the Ski/Ride Assessment must complete both the Tech/MA **AND** the Ski/Ride Assessment before being eligible for the Teach Assessment.

These two assessments may be taken in any order, but both must be successfully completed before registering for the Level 2/3 Teach Assessment. Candidates should take the Tech/MA and Ski/Ride Assessments in the order that best supports their training needs and areas of strength, better leveraging individual growth and development.

Effective July 1, 2025: Successful completion of any Level 2 or 3 assessment module is **valid nationwide in perpetuity**, as long as the member remains active and in good standing. This is the benefit of alignment.

## Support for Candidates

We value the time and effort that went into your Technical/MA or Ski/Ride components in previous seasons. Your demonstrated skills and professional commitment are the foundation that supports your continued development.

While these nationwide alignment updates are designed to ensure all candidates are evaluated fairly and consistently to support professional and industry growth, we recognize this can increase the time and expense of pursuing certification. To help address this, the following options are available:

- **Scholarship support:** Scholarships are available to help offset costs. The application deadline is **February 1st at 5:00 PM**. [APPLY HERE](#)
- **Individual support and planning:** We maintain an open-door policy. Marisa and Lynnea are available to work with candidates individually to discuss personal circumstances, training pathways, and development goals.

In addition to reaching out to us, we encourage you to work with your training managers and resort trainers to support your preparation, practice, and skill development.

We understand that transitions can be challenging, and we appreciate your patience and dedication as we work through this together. We encourage you to take advantage of the resources available to plan your training in a way that best supports your long-term success.

Thank you for your engagement and commitment to the PSIA-AASI community.

