



Requirements and contents Rafting Exam for Tyrolean Rafting

Requirements Tyrolean Rafting license

- Registration via the online form on the website of the Tyrolean Rafting Association.
- Exam fee paid.
- Proof of 30 trips or 60 hours guide training on minimum WW grade III & IV (at least 2 trips or 4 hours on WW IV), as a logbook with date and trip record signed and stamped by the raft company owner or certified instructor.
- Proof of an 8 hour first aid course, not older than 3 years.
- **Bring original logbook and first aid certificate to the exam!**
- Ballpoint pen for the written test.

Subject IRF Exam 2025:

If required, IRF WW III examinations will and can be organized and thus carried out. If the IRF exam is passed, a Tyrolean Raft Certificate can be issued on request upon presentation of a confirmation from a rafting company that 2 WW4 trips have been completed (expense allowance € 20.-).

Written test

- 28 questions on all topics, which are in the Austrian rafting curriculum V2
- Multiply Choice Method, at least one or more answers may be correct
- Maximum 72 points can be achieved, at least 58 points needed to pass the test.

Practical test (following the written test)

- Only those who have passed the written test may participate in the practical test.
- Personal Guiding Equipment: helmet, life jacket, throw bag at least 15m (to be worn on the body), Flipline, knife, whistle, 3 Karabiners, 2 Prusik loops, 1 pulley, cold protection clothing and relevant shoes. (See Tyrolean Rafting Curriculum)
- Mastery of all contents of the safety briefing (See Rafting Curriculum)
- Control of safe arrival and departure of the raft
- Mastery of all relevant paddle strokes, forward and backward strokes, forward and backward steering strokes, draw stroke and rudder strokes
- mastering the ferryglide, forward and backward (See Rafting Curriculum)
- Mastery of stopping in Eddys, using both direct and ferryglide techniques (See Rafting Curriculum)
- Mastery of recognition and assessment of the various flow patterns and obstacles in the river and the appropriate choice of route.
- Mastery of the knots described in Rafting Curriculum
- Within a maximum of 5 minutes construct and demonstrate a 3: 1 pulley system with 3-point Equalization anchorage on the raft Raft (See Rafting Curriculum).
- Passing the swimming test successfully, (crossing the river twice by active swimming)
- Successful passing of the throwing bag test, maximum of 3 attempts (details here)

- Successful passing of the Eddyline flip test, maximum of 2 attempts: 1 minute time (with paddle in Hand) from the current to the tied raft (Upright in the Eddy) to swim and enter. Then attach the flipline and, if necessary with help, overturn the raft to the current (flip). Once the raft has been flipped over, there is a maximum time of 1.5 - 2 minutes to climb independently from the river side onto the upturned raft, the flipline is changed from the river side to the shore side, take a Headcount ie signal to the examiner that all passengers (thought) are at the raft, then turn the raft back (re-flip) and re-enter the raft independently. The attachment of own access and entry aids on the raft is not allowed, to which the approach is only ever on the long river side of the raft.
- **All tests must be completed with full Guide equipment.**

1Definition WW: The Tyrolean Rafting Association only accepts rafting trips that take place on natural waters of the relevant difficulty level. The basis for this are official river guides, such as the DKV Auslandsführer Zentral Europa.

2Definition Logbook: The Tyrolean Rafting Association only accepts logbooks with trips signed either by the owner / managing director of the rafting company by company stamp, name in block letters and signature or by the respective triplader / headguide with the name in block letters and signature. In addition, a printed certificate (e-mail) from the rafting company must be available confirming that the rafting company's signing triplader / headguide was on duty during the journey (s) listed. Only the hours that make a commercial trip on the respective rivers are recognized. Times of training trips that take longer than normal commercial trips are only recognized if specifically registered as a training trip and signed by an active IRF instructor with his IRF number, name in block or owner / manager of the rafting company. Trips and hours that are incomplete or incorrectly listed / marked in the logbook are corrected or not recognized by the Tyrolean Rafting Association and can lead to exclusion from the test!