



Requirements & Contents

IRF Level 3/4 exams and issue of Tyrolean Raft Certificate

Requirements for the issue of a IRF Level 3/4 raftguide license

- Registration via the [online form](#) on the website of the Tyrolean Rafting Federation
 - Examination fee paid
 - Proof of 30 trips or **60 hours on min. WW3¹** for exam level 3 or 50 trips or 100 hours on min. WW4¹ for exam level 4 with [logbook / trip-confirmation²](#)
 - Proof of first aid course min. 8 hours, not older than 3 years.
- Both proofs must be sent to the Rafting Association in digital form (PDF, JPEG, PNG) by email at least 48 hours before the exam. Failing this will lead to the exclusion from the exam !
- [logbook / trip-confirmation²](#) and **first aid certificate** need to be presented in original for comparison on the morning of the exam!
 - Pen for the written test

Written test IRF Level 3/4 Exam

- 28 questions on **all topics** covered in the [raft curriculum](#)
 - Multiply choice method, i.e. **at least one or more answers** can be correct
- A maximum of 72 points can be achieved, a minimum of 58 points is required to pass the test.

Practical test IRF Level 3/4 Exam

- Personal guide equipment: helmet, life jacket, throw bag at least 15m(to be worn on the body), flip line, knife, whistle, 3 carabiners, 2 prusik loops, 1 pulley, cold protection clothing and relevant shoes. (See also chapter [raft curriculum](#))
- Mastery of **all contents** of the safety briefing ([raft curriculum](#))
- Mastery of safe landing and departure of the raft
- Mastery of all relevant paddle strokes, forward and backward stroke, sweep stroke forward and backward, draw stroke and steering stroke.
- Mastery of ferry glide, forward and backward ([raft curriculum](#))
- Mastery of eddy in & out technique, direct and ferry glide technique ([raft curriculum](#))
- Mastery of recognizing and assessing the various flow patterns and obstacles in the river and the appropriate choice of the line
- Mastery of the knots described in the rafting [raft curriculum](#)
- Within a maximum of 5 minutes, set up and demonstrate a 3:1 pulley system with 3-point self equalizing anchor
- Successfully pass the swim test, (2x crossing the river by active swimming).
- Successful passing of the IRF throw bag test, maximum 3 attempts
- Successfully pass the flip water test, **maximum 2 attempts, maximum 1.5 minutes (level 4) or 2 minutes (level 3)**: swim out of the current with paddle in hand to the tied raft (upright in the flip water) and get in. Then attach the flip line and, with assistance if necessary, flip the raft to the current. As soon as the raft has flipped over, the examinee has to:
From the river side, independently climb onto the flipped raft, change the flip line from the river side to the bank side, do the so-called "head count", i.e. signal to the examiner that all passengers (intended) are on the raft, then flip the raft back (re-flip) and independently get back into the raft. It is not allowed to attach own boarding aids to the raft, and boarding is only allowed on the long side of the raft facing the river.
- All tests must be completed in full guide equipment.



Requirements for the issue of the Tyrolean raftguide license

- Successful passing of an IRF Level 3 exam held by the Tyrolean Rafting Association
- Successful participation in the WW4 day(s) held by the Tyrolean Rafting Association following Level 3 exam. Usually a few weeks after the last Level 3 exam. (TBA)
- If participation in the WW4 day is not possible, a Tyrolean rafting license can be applied for via the [website](#) of the Tyrolean Rafting Association **at the earliest 1 year after passing the Level 3 exam**. Requirements are min. 2 training trips on WW3, min. 5 training trips on WW4 (both in Tyrol !) and current knowledge in first aid. Confirmation of training trips & first aid **ONLY** by a rafting company operating in Tyrol or the Tyrolean Rafting Association ([Download PDF](#)).

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

2Definition Logbook/Tripconfirmation The Tyrolean Rafting Association only accepts logbooks with trips that are signed either by the **owner/manager of the rafting company with company stamp, name in print and signature** or by an **active IRF instructor with name in print, IRF instructor no. and signature**. Only the hours of a commercial trip on the respective rivers will be recognized. Time spent on training trips longer than normal commercial trips will only be recognized if specifically recorded as a training trip and signed off by an active IRF instructor with their IRF number, name in print or owner/manager of the raft company by company stamp, name in print with signature. Trips and hours that are incompletely or incorrectly listed/signed off in the logbook will be corrected or not recognized by the Tyrolean Rafting Association and can lead to exclusion from the exam !