

UIAA MOUNTAIN QUALIFICATION LABEL

Training Commission Services for Member Federations

UIAA TRAINING COMMISSION — MOUNTAIN QUALIFICATION LABEL PROGRAMME

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1. WHAT IS THE MQL PROGRAMME?

The UIAA Mountain Qualification Label (MQL) Programme provides international recognition for Member Federation training programmes that meet UIAA standards. The Training Commission assesses your training curriculum, instruction system, and assessment methods against internationally recognized MQL Standards for mountaineering and climbing disciplines.

2. WHY GET ACCREDITED?

- **International Recognition:** Your training programme meets global standards
- **Quality Assurance:** Independent assessment by professional inspectors
- **UIAA Branding:** Use the UIAA Training Certificate Logo on certified programme certificates
- **Continuous Improvement:** Expert feedback and support for programme development

3. THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS

1. Application

Submit your application through the UIAA database. A Registration Fee of CHF 300 covers the administrative processing.

2. Induction

A Training Commission working group reviews your training programme documentation and recommends whether to proceed to Inspection.

3. Inspection

A professional Inspector appointed by the UIAA conducts an on-site assessment of your training programme. You'll receive an Indicative Quote for Inspection costs (including Inspector fees, travel, and expenses) and pay a 40% deposit before the Inspection proceeds.

4. Accreditation Decision

The Training Commission reviews the Inspection Report and votes on Accreditation. If granted, Accreditation is valid for four years.

5. Revalidation

Accreditation may be renewed for a further four-year term through a Revalidation process. At 8 years a re-inspection in-person will be required.

4. PRICING

4.1 Registration Fees

SERVICE	FEE (CHF)
Initial Registration Fee	300
Subsequent Registration per qualification	100

4.2 Inspection Costs

Inspection costs are based on the Inspector's daily rate and the duration of the on-site assessment. Rates vary by region:

REGION	RATE PER DAY (CHF)
Europe	650 / 600 (550 + 100 day 1 / 50 day 2+)
North America	600 / 550 (500 + 100 day 1 / 50 day 2+)
Oceania	550 / 500 (450 + 100 day 1 / 50 day 2+)
South America	420 / 370 (320 + 100 day 1 / 50 day 2+)
Asia	400 / 350 (300 + 100 day 1 / 50 day 2+)
Africa	350 / 300 (250 + 100 day 1 / 50 day 2+)

4.3 Typical Inspection Duration

The duration of the Inspection depends on the qualification category:

ACTIVITY	TYPICAL DURATION
Sport Climbing (Single/Multipitch)	3 days
Hiking	3 days
Canyoning	3 days
Ski-Touring / Backcountry Skiing	4 days
Mountaineering / Expedition	5 days

Example Calculations

- **Sport Climbing in Europe:** CHF 300 (Registration) + CHF 1,850 (3 days: 650 day 1 + 600 × 2) + CHF 480 (per diem) + CHF 700 (travel estimate) = **~CHF 3,330**
- **Mountaineering in Asia:** CHF 300 (Registration) + CHF 1,800 (5 days: 400 day 1 + 350 × 4) + CHF 450 (per diem) + CHF 700 (travel estimate) = **~CHF 3,250**

Note: The Indicative Quote provides estimated costs for planning purposes. You pay a 40% deposit before the Inspection proceeds. After Inspection, the final invoice will reflect actual costs incurred. The remaining balance (actual costs minus deposit) will be invoiced and payable before the Accreditation Decision is released.

Please note: The fees shown above are used to calculate your Indicative Quote. The Indicative Quote is an estimate only. Your final invoice will be based on actual costs incurred during the Inspection and may differ from the estimate. Only actual, properly incurred costs will be charged.

4.4 Revalidation Costs

SERVICE	FEE (CHF)
Administrative Revalidation (Year 4)	300
In-Person Revalidation (Year 8)	Inspection costs minus CHF 300
Each Additional MQL	100

Year 4 Revalidation: Desk review of updated programme documentation (CHF 300)

Year 8 Revalidation: Full in-person inspection required. The CHF 300 registration fee is waived, so you pay only inspection costs (inspector fees + travel + expenses).

5. WHAT YOU NEED TO PROVIDE

- Complete application including training programme documentation
- Training curriculum, assessment methods, and instructor standards
- Proposed dates for on-site Inspection (2-4 date ranges)
- On-site access to facilities, activities, and documentation during Inspection
- Payment of fees in accordance with the UIAA Training Commission Service Price List

6. WHAT YOU RECEIVE

- Professional assessment against international MQL Standards
- Detailed Inspection Report with findings and recommendations
- MQL Accreditation Certificate (if granted)
- Right to use the UIAA Training Certificate Logo on certified programme certificates
- International recognition for your training programme

7. TIMELINE

The MQL Programme timeline varies depending on the complexity of your training programme, availability of Inspectors, and your proposed dates. As a general guide:

- **Induction:** 2-4 weeks from Application acceptance
- **Inspection Planning:** 4-8 weeks after Induction approval
- **Accreditation Decision:** 4-6 weeks after Inspection Report submission

Please note: The UIAA does not guarantee Accreditation or completion within any specific timeframe. The process is an assessment, and outcomes depend on alignment with MQL Standards.

8. OPTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

8.1 Mentorship

The Training Commission can recommend external professional Mentors to support you in developing your training programme before applying for Accreditation. Mentor fees and expenses are borne by your Member Federation.

9. TERMS & CONDITIONS

All MQL Programme services are governed by the **UIAA General Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Services within the Mountain Qualification Label Programme**, which form part of your Service Agreement upon Application acceptance.

10. HOW TO GET STARTED

- **Step 1:** Contact the UIAA Training Commission at training@theuiaa.org
- **Step 2:** Apply through your member federation access portal on the UIAA database
- **Step 3:** Review the MQL Standards for your discipline and the UIAA General Terms and Conditions
- **Step 4:** Submit your Application through the UIAA database

For questions or assistance, contact:

training@theuiaa.org or office@theuiaa.org

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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