

Rules for mountain leaders from EU/foreign countries who want to provide services in France

According to the UIMLA standard, an **International Mountain Leader** is a person who is qualified to lead, teach, support and train clients, paying or otherwise, to all areas in all seasons, including snow covered terrain, except for activities reserved for mountain guides. When providing cross border services Mountain Leader must comply with national laws related to the provision of services.

When in this questionnaire we make reference to EU citizens or EU member states we are also including citizens coming from Switzerland and EFTA countries.

Bellow, you will find the applicable rules which were obtained in a form of questionnaire from respective national authorities and further processed by UIMLA. The information provided is confirmed by:

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1. Mountain leader profession

Does the profession of the mountain leader exist in France?

Yes

And does a profession of a mountain leader exist as a profession independent of the profession of a mountain guide?

Yes

2. Entry requirements for mountain leaders from EU member states - prior declaration or other?

Do you require qualified mountain leaders **from EU member states** to send **a prior declaration** before they start temporarily providing services of a mountain leader in your country?

Yes

3. Entry requirements for mountain leaders from EU member states - prior declaration or other

What are the requirements and documents which **a mountain leader from EU member states** has to submit for the purpose of a prior declaration?

- Copy of the IML diploma delivered in EU or EFTA countries or Switzerland
- Personal curriculum vitae (experience)
- Cover letter
- Medical certificate

- Copy of both sides of your nationality identify card
- Double-sided copies of your UIMLA card and/or your national association card
- Copy of your registration form/ document by the local or national authorities if appropriate
- Certificate of clean criminal record
- Proof of professional liability insurance which covers risks associated with activity as a mountain leader
- Certificate of knowledge of the French language is not mandatory; however, having one can be beneficial as it serves as an official proof of your language proficiency. Language certificates such as the DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) or DALF (Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française) can be obtained by taking exams conducted by the French Ministry of Education. These certificates are internationally recognized and can demonstrate your French language proficiency to potential clients and employers. In summary, while there is no specific language certificate required, having a good command of the French language is crucial for working as an "accompagnateur en moyenne montagne" in France. Being able to effectively communicate with clients and understand instructions is essential for providing a safe and enjoyable mountain guiding experience.

Do you recognize **the professional certificate** issued by UIMLA national association as a proof of necessary qualification?

Not available

Is it necessary to have the documents **translated** into your language?

Yes

Is it necessary to have the documents notarized?

No

Can the declaration be passed **online**? If so, please enter a link to it:

The declaration can be passed online via the Arquedi application (sports.gouv.fr) ([Page d'accueil - Arquedi \(sports.gouv.fr\)](#)), or

- to Préfet de l'Isère via the SDJES 38 Service départemental à la jeunesse, à l'engagement et aux sports (SDJES ISERE, Cité administrative, 1 rue Joseph Chanrion - Bâtiment 2, 38000 GRENOBLE - Telephone: 04.76.74.79.79 - Mail: ddc@isere.gouv.fr).

- Pôle National des Métiers de l'Encadrement du Ski et de l'Alpinisme (Rectorat de l'Académie de Grenoble, P.N.M.E.S.A - 7 place Bir-Hakeim - CS 81065 - 38021 GRENOBLE cedex 1 - Telephone: 04.76.74.70.00).

Are there any special rules for mountain leaders coming from EU member states where the profession is **not regulated** (the state of the origin of mountain leader does not require any qualification)? If so, please describe them

If the state does not regulate the activity, the provider must provide evidence that he or she has performed the activity in that state for at least one year during the ten years preceding the application. The service provider must be able to attest, on the one hand, that he/she is not subject in the country of origin to a ban, even temporary, on practicing the profession, and on the other hand, that he/she is not subject to a criminal conviction for one of the reasons which in France leads to an incapacity to practice the regulated profession of sports educator. Finally, and in order to allow a possible verification of his qualification, the provider must provide proof of his qualification.

Is there a **fee** for processing the prior declaration? If so, please specify how much.2204

There is no fee for processing the prior declaration

How long does the procedure of prior declaration usually take?

2 months

(Applies to EU member states only) Do you apply the regime of the “European professional card” in order to manage a prior declaration for the practice of mountain leaders in your country?

Yes

Please specify what mountain leaders will receive at the end of the prior declaration procedure

They can receive a professional card if they ask for a free establishment of service and/or a receipt of free provision of service

Do you apply the same regime for mountain leaders from non-EU states?

No

If 'No': please describe the requirements which mountain-leaders from non-EU states have to meet

<https://www.arquedi.sports.gouv.fr/>

This service offered by the French Ministry of Sports allows you to carry out online your procedures for the recognition of your equivalences of non-French diplomas, obtained in the European Union or other countries

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<https://uimla.org/mobility-rules/>.