

FGASA Qualifications obtained through Okavango Guiding School

Our Learning programmes are registered with two Quality Assurance Authorities in order to offer National qualifications in two countries:

1. Botswana Training Authority (BOTA) = Aligned with the Botswana National Vocational Framework (BNVQF) for certification as National Professional Guide in Botswana.
2. Field Guides Association of Southern Africa (FGASA) = Aligned with the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA), National Qualification Framework (NQF), Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Education and Training Authority (THETA) and Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) for certification as Professional Filed Guides in South Africa.

- 🔗 These certificates represent awards of competency registered under each country's National Qualification Framework.
- 🔗 The certificates do not represent legal license documents needed for each country in order work as a professional guide.
- 🔗 In order to obtain such a license, candidates must apply through the necessary Government department/s which is/are responsible for the issuing of the legal license document.
- 🔗 Certified candidates under each qualification framework must meet the requirements listed under the relevant Acts of each country before being issued with the license document.

Qualifications offered under FGASA and THETA

Consult details of qualifications and relevant information on FGASA website – www.fgasa.org.za

- 🔗 For such qualifications, learners must obtain all the necessary materials listed as the Learner Support Pack for each level through FGASA. OGS will supply as part of the course at additional cost.
- 🔗 Theory and Practical assessments are conducted according to FGASA and THETA policy.
- 🔗 FGASA shall moderate all assessments and registers learner with THETA. The learner then receives relevant certification form FGASA and THETA.
- 🔗 Learners are to register with DEAT in the province/s they wish to operate in. DEAT provides the legal license document.

FGASA Local Guide	THETA Nature Site Guide NQF2
Certifies learners to:	
🔗 create guided experiences for customers	
🔗 conduct guided experiences in limited geographical areas	
Qualification requirements	
🔗 For guides who may be illiterate but can communicate in English	
🔗 Must be fully paid up member of FGASA	
🔗 Must complete practical assessment, theory not necessary	
🔗 Must produce a valid First Aid certificate	

FGASA Level 1 Guide	THETA Nature Site Guide NQF2
Certifies learners to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 create guided experiences with customers 🔗 conduct a limited guided experience 	
Qualification requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 For guides who are literate and can communicate in English 🔗 Must be fully paid up member of FGASA 🔗 Must apply and pay for level 1 theory examination = pass mark 75% 🔗 Must complete Level 1 practical assessment and be deemed competent 🔗 Must produce a valid First Aid certificate 	

FGASA Level 2 Guide	THETA Nature Site Guide NQF4
Certifies learners to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 create guided experiences with customers 🔗 design a guided experience for customers 🔗 interpret guiding for tourists 🔗 conduct a guided nature experience 	
Qualification requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 For Level 1 guides wishing to progress Nature Guide qualifications 🔗 Must be fully paid up member of FGASA 🔗 Must accumulate a minimum of 50 days active guiding experience over a one year period (recorded in the FGASA logbook with reference) 🔗 Must apply and pay for level 2 theory examination = pass mark 75% 🔗 Must complete Level 2 practical assessment and be deemed competent 🔗 Must produce a valid First Aid certificate 	

FGASA Level 3 Guide	THETA Nature Site Guide NQF4
Certifies learners to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 create guided experiences with customers 🔗 design a guided experience for customers 🔗 interpret guiding for tourists 🔗 conduct an advanced guided nature experience 	
Qualification requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 For Level 2 guides wishing to progress Nature Guide qualifications 🔗 Must be fully paid up member of FGASA 🔗 Must accumulate a minimum of 100 days active guiding experience over a two year period (recorded in the FGASA logbook with reference) 🔗 Must apply, pay for and sit level 3 a and b theory examinations = pass mark 75% 🔗 Must complete Level 3 practical assessment and be deemed competent 🔗 Must produce a valid First Aid certificate 	

FGASA Trails Guide	THETA Nature Site Guide, dangerous animal areas NQF4
<p>Any qualified FGASA guides at above levels, may apply for the trails guide qualification. Over and above attained qualification/s, this certifies learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ conduct guided experiences in order to view potentially dangerous animals ☞ use a rifle 	
Qualification requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ For all Levels of guides wishing to lead walks in areas with potentially dangerous animals ☞ Must be fully paid up member of FGASA ☞ Must apply, pay for and sit trails guide theory examination = pass mark 75% ☞ Provide legal firearms certificate under SASSETA ☞ Must complete and be deemed competent against the practical assessment in viewing potentially dangerous animals ☞ Must complete and be deemed competent in advanced rifle handling ☞ Must produce a valid First Aid certificate 	

FGASA – Specialist Skills in Dangerous Animals	THETA Nature Site Guide, dangerous animal areas NQF4
<p>Any qualified FGASA guides at above levels, may apply for the trails guide qualification. Over and above attained qualification/s, this certifies learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ conduct guided experiences in order to view potentially dangerous animals ☞ use a rifle 	
Qualification requirements – See FGASA website	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ For Level 3 guides only, wishing to attain specialist skills and knowledge in leading walks in areas with potentially dangerous animals ☞ Must be fully paid up member of FGASA ☞ Must accumulate 1200 hours of walking in areas with dangerous animals over no less than 4 years, recording 600 encounters with dangerous animals, with a minimum of 30 encounters with the specified animals. ☞ Must apply, pay for and sit both SKS (DA) theory examinations = pass mark 75% ☞ Provide legal firearms certificate under SASSETA ☞ Must have Tracker level 1 certificate ☞ Be nominated by a mentor SKS (DA) guide for both theory and practical assessment ☞ Must complete and be deemed competent against the practical assessment ☞ Must complete and be deemed competent in advanced rifle handling – Jungle lane ☞ Must produce a valid First Aid certificate 	