

- There will not be an expiration on acceptance of these certificates
- However, candidates who are moving through a discipline and will need a higher level of avalanche training in the future, need to plan accordingly to ensure they meet the prerequisites for the new avalanche system and get bridge courses completed if required!
- Bridge courses will be offered for the first three years following the implementation of the professional avalanche training program – see chart below from AAA

Table 3: A summary of the equivalence in the new Professional Training Program for professionals who have taken courses in the previous education system. Table from AAA.

Current Level of Training	Equivalent Within the New Professional Training System	Next Course For Professional Training
Level 1 Avalanche Training	Level 1 Avalanche Training	Avalanche Rescue Course (8hrs)
		Pro 1 Course
Level 2 Avalanche Training	Pro 1 w/ completion of Bridge Course	Bridge Course For Pro 1 Certification *
		Pro 1 Course
Level 3 Avalanche Training	Pro 2 Course**	Continuing Professional Development
National Avalanche School (Both Modules)	Pro 1 w/ completion of Bridge Course	Bridge Course For Pro 1 Certification *
		Pro 1 Course
AVPRO	Pro 2 Course**	Continuing Professional Development

***Bridge courses evaluating student’s skills from the previous Level 2 training will be offered for the first three years of the new professional avalanche training program. Following the first three years of the new program, a student with a Level 2 completion from the old educational system will need to take the complete Pro 1 course.**

****Pro 2 avalanche training contains material not covered in the previous level 3 courses; however, expectations are that, post level 3 or AVPRO, professionals continue to acquire skills through continuing education and on the job training.**

Common Scenarios

I am taking a L2 this season (2016-2017) in order to take my SGC in 2017-2018. What do I need to do to take the ASGC in 2018-2019?

- Take the bridge course for Pro 1 Certification in 2017-2018

I have taken my SGC (I have an AMGA approved L2) and want to take my ASGC in 2018-2019

- Either complete an AMGA approved L3 in 2016-2017 or
- Complete the bridge course to Pro I in 2017-2018

I have taken an ASC and have a L1. What do I need to do to take my AGC in 2017-2018? What if I want to take it in 2018-2019?

- Take your AMGA Approved L2 this year (2016-2017). If you plan to take your AGC in 2018-2019 but do not complete your L2 in 2016-2017, you will have to take the Avalanche Rescue course in 2017-2018.

I have taken my AGC and IIC and want to take my AAGC (I have an AMGA Approved L2)—I want to take my AAGC in 2017-2018 and my exam in 2018-2019. What do I need to do?

- You do not need to do any further avalanche training to take your AAGC in 2017-2018.
- To move on to the AGE in 2018-2019 you will need to either have completed the AMGA approved L3 in 2016-2017 or the bridge course to Pro I **and** the Pro II in 2017-2018.

Still have questions?! Who to ask!?

- For questions related to AMGA prerequisites, contact one of the following AMGA Mountain Guide Program office staff Peter@amga.com (Peter Schultz, Guide Program Coordinator), Jane@amga.com (Jane Anderson, Guide Program Manager), or Dale@amga.com (Dale Remsberg, Technical Director)
- The AAA will be updating their public facing website in early spring of 2017 with information on the new system. Current AAA members can access the information online by logging into the AAA database at aaa19.wildapricot.org under the “members” tab.
- For questions related to AAA and avalanche education prerequisites, bridge courses and avalanche curriculum, please contact Matt Schonwald, aaa.protrainingcoordinator@gmail.com, (AAA Professional Training Coordinator)