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Implementation of the RiskG

Persons and companies operating in the following areas require a RiskG license:¹

- Mountain guides (possibly including canyoning)
- Aspiring mountain guides
- Climbing instructors (possibly including via ferrata)
- Off-piste snow sports instructors
- Hiking guides (possibly including T4)
- Canoe instructors
- Companies offering canyoning, river rafting, white water rafting and bungee jumping

All high-risk activities offered for a fee are deemed to be commercial within the meaning of high-risk activities legislation². For climbing, hiking and snow sports, the license requirement depends on whether activities are offered in dangerous terrain³.

Who issues the license?

The license must be obtained in the canton of the person's place of residence or the company's registered office. The Office of Economic Affairs is responsible for the cantons of Bern, Aargau, Basel-Land, Basel-Stadt, Geneva, Jura and Solothurn:

The license is valid for the entire territory of Switzerland. The period of validity is four years for persons and two years for certified providers.

Persons from EU/EFTA member states

Companies offering canyoning, river rafting, white water rafting and bungee jumping require certification. The certification is based on a safety management system⁴.

Persons from EU/EFTA member states

Persons from EU/EFTA member states who have not obtained their professional qualification in Switzerland must submit a declaration form to the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) before taking up their professional activity in Switzerland. Information on the declaration procedure can be found at [SERI](#).

Persons from third countries

The general regulations for foreign workers must be observed (license).

¹ Federal law about mountain guiding and offers of other risk activities from 17th December 2010, SR 935.91; as well as according to ordinance about mountain guiding and offers of other risk activities from 30th January 2019, SR 935.911

² cf. Article 2 RiskV

³ Definition in Article 3 RiskV

⁴ cf. Article 12 RiskV