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Department Rule Chapter 24.05 (B):

- B. Master certification means that a person has acquired experience in a Specialized classification that exceeds the minimum requirements necessary to be licensed as a guide in that classification.
1. Persons licensed in one or more specialized classifications may apply for certification as a Master Guide in such classification(s) by filing an affidavit with the Department showing that the applicant has met the necessary qualifications and experience requirements outlined in Chapter 24.05(B)(1)(a) and (b) below. The necessary qualifications and experience requirements are as follows:
 - a. The applicant must have been licensed as a Maine guide in the specialized classification(s) for which Master Guide certification is sought each year during the ten-year period preceding the submission of the affidavit for certification; and
 - b. A minimum of five years professional experience in the specialized classification(s) must be documented within that ten-year period. One year of professional experience shall be credited for every 240 hours worked in a calendar year. Only actual time guiding will be credited. A description of guide's specific duties and responsibilities and amount of the time spent guiding must be included with the affidavit. The applicant may estimate the amount of time devoted specifically to guiding activity. Experience shall be credited on an hour-for-hour basis.
 2. Upon receipt of an affidavit showing that the applicant has met the necessary qualifications and experience requirements outlined in Chapter 24.05(B)(1)(a) and (b) above, the Department will validate the applicant's license with the certification that the applicant is eligible to work as a Master Guide. The applicant may not work as a Master Guide until the license certification has been validated by the Department.
 - a. The certification will remain in effect as long as the guide's license is renewed within one year of expiration.
 - b. A determination, at any time, that any of the information contained in the affidavit is false shall be grounds for revocation of the Master Guide certification.