MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
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MASTER GUIDE LICENSE UPGRADE REQUEST FORM

In accordance with Department Rules under Chapter 24.05 (B)

Name: _________________________________________________________________________ DOB: _______________

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Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Street/Road/ P.O. Box     City or Town    State Zip Code

Business Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Street or Road     City or Town               State          Zip Code

Applicant or Business Email Address: ______________________________________________ Phone Number: __________________

Classification Requesting Upgrade: ________________________________________________ Years Licensed in This Classification: __________

Documentation of 5-years professional experience in the specialized classification within 10-year period. One-year experience shall be credited for every 240 hours in a calendar year. List Experience Below (See Chapter 24.05 (B) for Details).

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Send Application: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Licensing Division, 284 State Street, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333

A. I certify that all statements made hereon, and any documents provided are true and accurate. Understand that any false statement made in this application or in any documents provided may result in denial, suspension or revocation of your guide’s license, and possible criminal prosecution.

Signature: __________________________________________________________________________ Date: __________________

January 2020
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.