

NSP Central Certified Program Proposal for new status

Certified Emeritus Overview

Certified Emeritus is designed for current, active, certified staff members, in good standing, that can no longer perform the physical requirements due to age, injury, or illness, but still have the knowledge and desire to participate within the certified program. Once this status is acquired, these individuals will no longer evaluate skiing/snowboard or toboggan or participate in staff recertifications. They will remain as evaluators in the other modules and maintain their voting rights within the program.

Once an individual moves to Emeritus, they cannot move back to active staff.

Emeritus Requirements

- 9 years since completing the requirements for the certified program, active status throughout.
- Active within the certified program, consistently participating in region and division events. - Actively representing the certified program throughout the region and division.
- 1 LOR from the applicant's region certified advisor, or region director.

Emeritus Application Process

The applicant will apply to the Division Certified Supervisor (DCS) via written communication. A letter of recommendation (LOR) from the applicant's region certified advisor, or region director, will be required. This is for administration purposes. All necessary action will be taken to protect the confidentiality of the applicant, the applicant's information, and the final decision.

Once the completed documentation is received, the acting DCS will decide to approve or deny the request based on the LOR received, and the recent participation within the certified program. The DCS may incorporate the region certified leadership into the decision making process if there is more input needed.

If the application for Emeritus is approved, the applicant will be moved into Emeritus status upon the end of their 3 year recertification cycle. Once status is changed, they will no longer be eligible to evaluate for skiing or toboggan modules of the certified evaluation, or participate as a staff member for recertifications. If needed, they may participate as staff for qualifications as long as there is alternate staff available for skill demonstration purposes.

They will retain their staff voting rights and maintain their evaluator status for all non-ski/ride and toboggan modules based upon their knowledge base and skill sets at the discretion of the DCS.

Once Emeritus status is obtained, the staff will no longer be able to return as active staff.

If the application for Emeritus is declined, the applicant will be moved to alumni status at the end of their 3 year recertification cycle. Once considered alumni, the applicant will no longer maintain voting or evaluator rights.

It is possible for the applicant to return to active staff from alumni as long as they sufficiently complete the required recertification process as determined by the current Central Division Policy and Procedures Manual.

The certified number received upon completion of the required modules will remain in place to the named individual indefinitely, regardless of status.

Emeritus Recertification Guidelines

To align with the current staff recertification process, every 3rd year, the acting DCS will audit all emeritus status certified patrollers. If they fail to continue to participate within the certified program as defined in "requirements", this status can be withdrawn and they will then be moved to alumni. This is at the discretion of the DCS