

Individuals and companies in the following areas require a licence:

- Mountain guides (may include canyoning)
 - Climbing instructors
 - Snow sports instructors off-piste
 - Hiking guides
 - Companies offering canyoning, river rafting, white water rafting and bungee jumping
- A licence is only required by providers of commercial services². For climbing, hiking and snow sports, requirement of a licence depends on whether activities are offered in dangerous terrain³.

Who issues the licence?

The licence must be applied for in the canton of residence or location of the company's head office. The beco is responsible for the cantons of Bern, Aargau, Basel-Land, Basel-Stadt, Geneva, Jura and Solothurn:

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The licence is valid for the whole of Switzerland. The period of validity is four years for individuals and two years for certified providers

Who needs certification for the licence?

Companies that offer canyoning, river rafting, white water rafting and bungee jumping require certification. Certification is based on the safety management system of the «Safety in adventures» (www.safetyinadventures.ch) foundation. For companies that are not yet certified, there is a transitional period until 31 March 2015.

Notes for foreign providers:

For applicants with their residence or headquarters outside Switzerland, the canton in which the activity is primarily carried out is responsible.

If service providers should submit a declaration to the [State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation \(SERI\)](#) or if a permit of a canton is required, shows the [Overview of the procedure for people from the EU or from EFTA States](#).

The general regulations for foreign workers must also be complied with (registration or licence).

¹ Swiss Federal Law on mountain guiding and provision of additional risk activities of 17 December 2010, SR 935.91 and the Regulation on mountain guiding and provision of additional risk activities of 30 November 2012, SR 935 911

² The law only applies to commercial providers, i.e. if the principal or secondary income is greater than CHF 2,300 per year.

³ Defined in Article 3 RiskV