

## **Turoa 11 weekend programme FAQs**

### **What level skier or rider do I need to be?**

You need to be at least an intermediate level skier or rider, comfortable and in control on all blue and most black groomed trails. You do not need race or freestyle background.

### **Does the course only train me for level One?**

The goal of the weekend prep course is to set you up for your level 2 exams. The teaching progressions for the first half of the course are based around the level 1 exam that you'll sit late August which covers up to riders linking their first turns. During the second half of the course the teaching progressions are based around the level 2 exam which covers up to intermediate skier and riders

Most of the participants choose to sit the level 2 exam in October, however the level 2 exam fees are not covered in our course price, as some participants may choose not to complete their level 2.

### **Will I be able to get work after completing the course?**

The general qualification required by snow schools to gain employment is at least Level 2, this is also the required level to be eligible for a sponsored visa to North America. Many of the participants in our weekend courses come on board with the snow school the following season in either a full or part time capacity.

### **Are there any midweek requirements?**

The training is all weekend based but the NZSIA, SBINZ certification exams are run midweek, generally the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August and mid October (Immediately after the October School Holidays) Level One exams are 5 days and Level 2 is 8 days for Skiing and 5 days for snowboarding.

### **Can I get assistance to pay for exams?**

The NZSIA does have a scholarship programme available, check their website, [www.nzsia.net](http://www.nzsia.net)

### **How do the training and qualifications work?**

The Snowschool will provide training as part of the 11 weekend prep course, the NZSIA (SBINZ for Snowboarding) is the qualification provider that runs the exams check [www.nzsia.net](http://www.nzsia.net) for details

### **What do the qualifications cover?**

The level one qualification certifies instructor to teach beginner level classes, essentially first and second time skiers and riders. The Level two qualification builds on the level one to certify instructors to teach intermediate level students. Again check detail on the [www.nzsia.net](http://www.nzsia.net) website.

### **What if the weather is bad one weekend?**

There is a fair bit of theory work that needs to be covered, so we ensure we make the most of the good weather for on snow stuff and utilise any poor

weather days to cover the theory that's required, also it's useful to set up practice teaching scenarios indoors as that is the way you will be assessed during the exam if the weather is poor.

**How much time is spent snowboarding, skiing?**

A rough indication of how the time is split would be along the lines of say 40% on free skiing / riding and skier / rider improvement, 40% on the teaching progressions and appropriate demonstrations, 20% on movement analysis.

**Do I need a lift Pass also?**

Yes, we recommend purchasing a season pass in April to get the best deal.