



Mountain Center of Competence

Andermatt in July 2019

"PFP 2020"

Invitation Letter for the PFP Winter Mountain Training Course (WMTC)

1 General Information

1.1 Winter Course

The Armed Forces Mountain Center of Competence in ANDERMATT offers a PFP Winter Mountain Training Course. On the first day of the course there is going to be an evaluation of everyone's skills. Depending on the levels needed there will be a division in different performance groups (basic and advanced).

2 Topics & Objectives

2.1 Topics:

- Movement and survival in mountainous areas under difficult winter conditions;
- Leading and guiding in difficult terrain;
- Avalanche risks and rescue measures;
- Avalanche risk assessment (different methods).

2.2 Objectives:

Participants should be able to:

- Move and survive in mountainous areas under difficult winter conditions;
 - Orientation, assessment, tactics;
 - Improvised rescue;
- Recognize and evaluate avalanche risks;
- Initiate and take avalanche rescue measures;
- Plan and conduct mountain tours;
- Fulfil missions in exercises in difficult terrain.

3 Check-in / out

Arrival: Friday until Sunday (week prior to the course);

Start Date: Monday morning of first course week, welcome briefing;

End Date: Friday early morning of the second week.

4 Costs, accommodation and meals

- All courses are free of charge, which includes the accommodation and meals on site at the barracks in ANDERMATT or in alpine huts, from arrival to departure. Please state special meal requirements on the application form.
- Travel costs are to be covered by the sending nation.

5 Dress Code

All course activities will be in uniform. Participants have to bring their own appropriate clothing (**You need to bring your ski boots**).

However, unavailable clothing, equipment and technical material will be provided if needed.

6 Travel and Insurance

Arrangements for travel are at the responsibility of the participants. Nearest airport is Zürich-Kloten (ZRH).

Without prejudice to other applicable bi- or multilateral treaty regulations between Switzerland and the sending nation (e.g. PfP SOFA, training agreement, etc.), **all health-care costs generated by sickness or accident including related financial consequences (transportation, invalidity) must be covered by the sending nation.**

Registration is only possible if the sending nation guarantees with signature and stamp of the competent authority to fully cover such expenses generated in or outside Switzerland. Please bring the original form with you when you check-in on your arrival in Andermatt.

7 Participation

Courses are open to NATO/PfP, MD, ICI and Contact States. Participants need to be active duty officers, NCO's or soldiers. No retired or civilian personnel will be accepted.

8 Prerequisites

For safety reasons English language skills are essential and compulsory. Standard of proficiency in English (as described in STANAG 6001): **2222**.

Listening (fair / 2) Speaking (fair / 2) Reading (fair / 2) Writing (fair / 2)

Apart from that, participants must also meet physical requirements (please see fact sheet).

At the beginning of the course, participants will be tested on certain skills in order to establish performance groups.

9 Program

The course schedule will be sent to you by e-mail after your application has been confirmed.

10 Application

Please return the application form not later than:

- **13th DECEMBER 2019** for the Winter Course.

It is very important that you provide us your contact details in order to send you further information and in case of an emergency during the course.

**After your application has been confirmed, please provide us (address at the bottom) the information about your arrival.
A shuttle service between Zurich Airport and Andermatt will be organized. Meeting point will be the HELVETIA Restaurant at the Airport.**

11 Contact

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Annex

- 1 Fact Sheet
- 2 Application form