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# Fact Sheet

## PfP Winter Advanced Mountain Training Course

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PfP Winter Advanced Mountain

Training Course Andermatt, Switzerland, 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

The Swiss Armed Forces Centre of Competence for Mountain Warfare in Andermatt offers a PfP Winter Advanced Mountain Training Course.

### Target Audience:

Platoon/ Company leader, trainer and Specialist operators.

### Rank Level:

OR 5-9, OF 1-3

### Prerequisites:

- move for several hours over snow-covered, steep, and icy terrain, with ski
- Carry a rucksack with essential equipment (~15–20 kg)
- Operate in altitudes above 2,000 meters

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.

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

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!

### Course Aims

- To develop participants' skills in movement, survival, and tactical operations in snow-covered and high-altitude alpine environments.
- To enhance leadership and guiding capabilities for military missions conducted under extreme winter conditions.

### Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Effectively move and survive in mountainous areas during winter, demonstrating:
  - Skiing handling and safety techniques;
  - Terrain orientation, situational assessment, and tactical movement;
- Avalanche awareness, including hazard identification and basic rescue techniques;
- Plan, lead, and conduct winter mountain patrols;
- Execute assigned tasks and complete missions during field exercises in winter alpine conditions



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| Additional Information / details     |  |
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| <b>EAPWP Code</b>                    | DM CHE.2834.14   |
| <b>Nickname</b>                      | PfP Winter Advanced Mountain Training Course   |
| <b>Type</b>                          | Course   |
| <b>Objectives / Level</b>            | <p>Advanced Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop participants' skills in movement, survival, and tactical operations in snow-covered and high-altitude alpine environments.</li> <li>• To enhance leadership and guiding capabilities for military missions conducted under extreme winter conditions.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Duration / Date</b>               | <p>Arrival Day Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February - Departure Day 13<sup>th</sup> of February.</p> <p><b>Course days: 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b> (9 days education).</p>   |
| <b>Location</b>                      | CH-6490 Andermatt, Switzerland.  |
| <b>Language Requirements</b>         | <p>The course is conducted in English. Fluent English language skills – in speaking, writing and listening – are mandatory in order to be able to follow the lessons and perform the exercises.</p> <p>Participants must have at least the following standards of proficiency in English (as described in STANAG 6001): <b>3232</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Listening (fair / 3)</li> <li>▪ Speaking (fair / 3)</li> <li>▪ Reading (fair / 2)</li> <li>▪ Writing (fair / 2)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Costs</b>                         | <p>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.</p> <p>Travel costs are to be covered by the sending Nation.</p>  |
| <b>Restrictions</b>                  | <p>Course is open to NATO/PfP, MD, ICI and Contact States.</p> <p>The maximum number of participants is 15 and a maximum of 2 participants per nation can be accepted.</p> <p><b>Registration deadline: 1<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b></p> <p>Allocation will be on a "first come - first served" basis!</p> <p><b>Spouses/partners are not accepted within this military course.</b></p>  |
| <b>Insurance</b>                     | <p>Without prejudice to other applicable bi- or multilateral treaty regulations between Switzerland and the sending State (e.g. PfP SOFA, training agreement, etc.), all health-care costs generated by sickness or accident of the participant including related financial consequences (transportation, invalidity) must be covered by the sending State. Registration to the course is only possible if the sending State confirms with signature and stamp of the competent authority that it is guaranteed to fully cover such expenses generated in or outside Switzerland. Please attach a copy of guarantee with application, bring original with you for check in in Andermatt.</p> |
| <b>Additional Course Information</b> | <p>Armed Forces Mountain Centre of Competence (AFMCC)</p> <p>PfP Course, Waffenplatz West, Kommandogebäude</p> <p>CH-6490 Andermatt, Switzerland</p> <p>Phone +41 (0)58 468 83 21</p> <p>E-mail kdo.gebirgsdienst@vtg.admin.ch</p>   |
| <b>Travel reminder</b>               | <p><b>Please consider the following information when planning your journey from Switzerland back to your country:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collective shuttles to Zurich Airport are provided.</li> <li>• Train ride to Zurich airport train station available as an alternative.</li> <li>• It is not advised to schedule a flight before 1030 AM.</li> <li>• If you decide to stay in Switzerland (for tourism, holidays, etc), please ensure to book adequate accommodation.</li> </ul>   |

# Application Form PfP Winter Advanced Mountain Training Course



Link to the application