

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – FIELD GUIDE ONLINE COURSE

EcoTraining
Guides and Guardians



Do I get a qualification after the successful completion of the online course?

You could graduate with:

1. FGASA Nature Enthusiast certificate
2. EcoTraining Certificate of Participation on the e-learning course
3. Recognition of completed FGASA Apprentice Field Guide NQF2 theory component

What is the main form of communication for the live lectures?

All live lectures will be conducted through the Zoom platform. A unique link will be sent before every lecture and the students can log in a 6pm (GMT+2) to view and engage with the live lectures. One of EcoTraining's Instructors will present the entire lecture live and will give the participants the opportunity to ask questions throughout the session.

What days are the lectures on?

The lectures are scheduled for every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

What time are the lectures?

Live lectures start at 6pm (GMT+2) sharp.

What happens if I cannot attend the live lecture?

Should you not be able to attend the live lecture, a recording of the lectures will be sent to each participant the following day.

Certain Mammal, Tree and Bird books are recommended and it is indicated that these can be obtained from FGASA – What is the ordering process?

You can order digital reference e-books through various online stores e.g. Takealot, Google Play, Amazon etc., otherwise visit your nearest book store for hard copies e.g. CNA , Exclusive Books, AWN. You can also order certain books from the FGASA Bookshop. Email bookshop@fgasa.org.za to place your order.

I have received 3 books which appear to be the Learner Study Guide, The Nature Guide Learner Manual and the Guiding skills manual. When will I receive the FGASA Field Guide Information (PDF) and The Guiding logbook?

The PDF and Logbook (PHYSICAL) will follow once students are registered with FGASA. The Logbook will be posted to the students directly from FGASA (this is a logbook you use when you are working as a guide and logging hours)/

When is the FGASA exam?

- The FGASA exam date for the 10th of June course is 13 August 2020.
- The FGASA exam date for the 10th of August course will be confirmed

If I book the practical this year and cannot travel, am I allowed to move my booking to 2021?

Yes, you can postpone your booking and we will move your credit over to 2021 and you would need to pay in the difference on the 2021 rate

When do I need to pay my booking?

Payment is due immediately in order to secure your space on the course. We do set a cut-off date for registration in order to submit your details to FGASA for registration. If payment does not reflect on the cut-off day, then your booking will not be fulfilled.

How do I ask Questions on the Q & A?

You will have the opportunity to engage throughout the live session. Your microphone will be muted while the instructor conducts the presentation, but you can use the chat option to ask questions and the producer will open the floor to answer the questions. After the session, the floor will be open to anyone to ask further questions and to engage with the group.

When do I receive my link to the course?

You will receive an introduction email to confirm your registration. Thereafter, you will receive a unique link to each session before each lecture.

Are the learning manuals downloadable to work off line?

After successful registration with FGASA, they will send you a link with your workbooks. These books will be downloadable to work offline.

When do I receive my FGASA membership number?

Before the online course starts, we send a list of participants to FGASA to be registered. It will take a while for them to process and go through all the paperwork received from EcoTraining. Once all the paperwork is processed, FGASA will contact you directly with your FGASA number.

Am I able to do the FGASA exam at my own pace and not when the selected date is?

FGASA will create an online exam specifically for the course you are joining. This date will be made available before the end of the course to make sure you have enough time to prepare for the exam.

How should I submit my registration forms?

All registration forms must be submitted in pdf format – this is the only format accepted by FGASA. FGASA registration forms to be separate from EcoTraining forms as we are to different entities.