

# The specific regulations for skiing instructors in Austria

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# Holding skiing or snowboard lessons and working as skiguide out of controlled and market slopes

Is to be subjected by special regulations of the different countries

„Skischool laws or sport laws“



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# Country laws

**Carinthia:** Schischulgesetz 1997

**Lower Austria:** Sportgesetz 5710, 1997  
Abschnitt 4 NÖ Schilehrwesen

**Upper Austria:** Sportgesetz 5710, 1997  
Abschnitt 3 Schiunterricht, Berg- und  
Schiführer, Sportlehrer



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# Country laws

**Styria:** Schischulgesetz 1997

**Tirol:** Schischulgesetz 1995

**Vienna:** Schischulgesetz 2002



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# Country laws

**Vorarlberg:** Schischulgesetz 2008

**Salzburg:** Schischul- und Snowboardgesetz 1989



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All those laws were created for following articles:

Ski lessons to a company guests on slopes by way of business



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Skiing in the sense means all differentway of skiing, especially alpine skiing, skiing with freestyle skiers, snowboards, nordic skiing and alternative skiing



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By way of business means try to earn money or take advantage of giving ski lessons, etc.



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# Fact in all ski school laws is:

Ski lessons by way of business are based on the ski school permission.

Except ski lessons for schools, national teams, youth organisations in the order of federal authorities



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Some more exceptions:

Ski lessons from national and international youth organisations, Sport- or alpine associations

In compliance with the following requirements:



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- The exercise can only be done for and by members of the specific associations and are not allowed to leave a margin.
- The instructors have to be qualified



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- The association and the instructors must not earn money
- The association must not be founded to avoid law.



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In some countries do exist some more regulations:



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# Lower Austria

People or organisations, who don't hold ski lessons in the way of business, have, if the local ski school wants to know it, to inform the ski school about their activities.



# Vorarlberg:

People, who are working in Vorarlberg because of the exceptions, have to identify temself.

They also have to hand out writtes verifications to the ski school association.



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# Styria:

Ski lessons from a foreign association have to be announced at least 4 weeks earlier to the local country.

This written announcement must contain a timetable, number of participants, name of the manager/chief and the names of the other instructors.

If those premises are not fulfilled, the local country can cancel the event.



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# Carinthia:

Ski lessons from a national or international association have to be announced at least 1 week earlier to the local ski school.

This written announcement must contain a timetable, number of participants, name of the manager/chief and the names of the other instructors.

If those premises are not fulfilled, the local country can cancel the event.



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# The rules for instructors in ski schools:

- **Instructors have to guarantee the safety of the guests**
- **They have to have all necessary items to provide first aid in case of an accident on the slope**

**This rules are valid also for instructors in clubs**



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Ski instructors, who don't those regulations can be sanctioned by the local government



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# Legimitation for skiing off piste



# Items:

## 1. Difference:

*organised ski facilities ( slopes and roetes)*

*non organised ski facilities (everything else)*



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# Items:

## 2. Variants

- parts of the non organized ski facilities
- possibility to start at the organized ski facility > finished also in the organized facility.



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# Skiing on foreign land:

All skiers are skiing almost everytime on foreign land



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# Important part of § 354 ABGB (austrian law):

The owner of land has the right to exclude the public if he wants.

The skiers have to become a legal title to ski on foreign land



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This legal title can be a contract or a liftpass

Be carefull, contracts bonnected with a liftpass are usually only valid on marked slopes



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## Non organized facilities:

In forests nobody is allowed to ski if the forest is near to a skilift ( ca. 500 m)

Cross country in forests is allowed, but building a professional track is forbidden.

Some countries laws allow to use land for skiing, etc. in alpine regions.



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# Ability – Authority

According to a training everyone can get a ability, but to get an authority it is necessary to have the assent of laws, ski school laws, mountain guide laws,.....

**Authority is more important than ability**



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**The special ski school laws can be read in the internet:**

**[www.ris2.bka.gv.at](http://www.ris2.bka.gv.at)**



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# Daran denken!

## Fachwissen ist nicht gleich Handlungswissen

