



WILDLIFE ACT ASSISTANT GUIDE AUTHORIZATION

Section 48 of the *Wildlife Act* provides that a guide outfitter may hire a qualified person to act as an assistant guide. This section also requires that a qualified person hired as an assistant guide must be issued a written authorization, in the prescribed manner and form and with the prescribed content by the employing guide outfitter. Requirements as to the manner, form and content of the assistant guide authorization have been prescribed under section 1.17 of the Wildlife Act Commercial Activities Regulation (the “regulation”). The requirements are as follows:

- the authorization is to be written;
- the authorization is to be legible; and
- the authorization is to contain the following information:
 - the name, birth date and permanent address of the assistant guide;
 - the permanent identification number of the assistant guide;
 - the name of the guide outfitter;
 - the number of the guide outfitter’s licence;
 - the date the written authorization is issued;
 - the date the term of the guide outfitter’s licence ends;
 - the statement: “(name of assistant guide) has been hired as an assistant guide.”;
 - any restrictions on the assistant guide when guiding for game on behalf of the guide outfitter contained in the contract between the guide outfitter and the assistant guide, such as restrictions relating to season, areas or species; and
 - a signed statement by the guide outfitter that, to the best of the guide outfitter’s knowledge, the information contained in the written authorization is true, accurate and complete.

To help ensure that all the requirements of section 1.17 of the regulation are satisfied, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Fish and Wildlife Branch has prepared the following assistant guide authorization form. A guide outfitter **may elect** to use this form or prepare their own authorization. The only statutory requirement is that the authorization **must** satisfy the requirements in section 1.17 of the regulation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the assistant guide authorization form or the requirements under s. 1.17 of the regulation, please contact FrontCounter BC:

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This authorization must be carried by the assistant guide at all times when guiding for game.
This authorization ceases to be valid if the employment of the assistant guide is terminated.
This authorization must be returned to the guide outfitter upon request.

1. ASSISTANT GUIDE:

Name: _____	
Permanent Address: _____ _____	
Mailing Address: _____ _____	
Phone Number: _____	Date of Birth: _____
*Permanent Identification Number: _____	
*means a unique number assigned under the authority of the director of wildlife to a person who passes an assistant guide examination approved or established by the director of wildlife.	

2. GUIDE OUTFITTER:

Guide Outfitter Name: _____	Phone Number: _____
Guide Outfitter Licence Number: _____	
Guide Outfitter Licence term ends on _____, 20 ____	
Guide Outfitter's contractual restrictions on assistant guide when guiding for game (if applicable): _____ _____ _____	
I represent that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this authorization is true, accurate and complete and that the person named in section 1 above has been hired as an assistant guide.	
_____	Issued on _____, 20 ____
Signature of Guide Outfitter	

These excerpts from the **Wildlife Act Commercial Activities Regulation**, made under the *Wildlife Act*, are relevant:

- 1.05** (1) A guide outfitter or assistant guide commits an offence if, while guiding for big game, the guide outfitter or assistant guide
- (a) guides more than 2 persons at one time, or
 - (b) fails to ***accompany** a hunter he or she is guiding.
- (2) A guide outfitter commits an offence if the guide outfitter
- (a) guides a hunter outside the guide outfitter's guiding area, or
 - (b) allows an assistant guide employed by the guide outfitter to guide a hunter outside the guide outfitter's guiding area.

(3) An assistant guide employed by a guide outfitter commits an offence if the assistant guide guides a hunter outside the guide outfitter's guiding area.

****accompany** means to remain in the company of the other person, able to see the other person without the aid of any device other than ordinary corrective lenses and able to communicate by unamplified voice with that person.*