



## Lift 150: Ski Lift Operations Train-the-Trainer



This course was developed for ski lift operations personnel under the direction of the Apprenticeship and Training Committee of the Canada West Ski Areas' Association by the Ski Resort Operations and Management Program at Selkirk College. LIFT 150 is the first step in developing an integrated, standardized training program for ski industry operating and maintenance personnel.

For a number of years, the regulatory authority for passenger ropeways for the Province of British Columbia has encouraged the development of formal ski lift operator training programs at ski areas. The need for standardized training for ski lift operators was recommended by the coroner's report on the 1995 Quicksilver chair lift accident. The intent of the Apprenticeship and Training Committee is to provide all ski area operators with high-quality, standardized training programs.

**LIFT 150: Ski Lift Operations Train-the-Trainer** is designed to help ski lift supervisors or managers, develop a comprehensive program for training ski lift operators.

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. explain the need for ski lift safety and the steps required to achieve it,
2. identify and explain regulations governing ski lifts that relate to lift operator training, and
3. deliver a ski lift operator's training session.

### **Ski Lift Operator Trainer Certification (British Columbia Resorts Only)**

Currently the BC Elevating Devices Safety Regulation (EDSR) requires mandatory certification of "passenger ropeway trainers." This means that ski lift operator training in BC must be conducted by certified ski lift operator trainers.

LIFT 150 is designed to meet the training needs for ski lift operator trainer certification. Completion of the course and the course exam qualifies course participants for certification by the BC Safety Authority (BCSA) as passenger ropeway trainers. The BCSA issues passenger ropeway trainer certificates and these certificates name the lift types for which the certificate holder may provide training.

### **Prerequisite Knowledge**

As a prerequisite to taking this course, you should:

- be familiar with one or more passenger ropeway types and their operation,
- have extensive experience in operating ski lifts safely, and
- currently hold a ski lift operations supervisory position which involves the safe operation of ski lifts by personnel under your direct supervision.



The course examination includes questions designed to assess your prior knowledge of the safe operation of ski lifts.

## Course Composition

The *LIFT 150: Ski Lift Operations Train-the-Trainer* on line course consists of two parts:

Course Component	Duration
Part 1: Interpretation of Ski Lift Operations Regulations	4 hours (approximately)
Part 1 (cont'): Ski Lift Regulations on line Exam ** (80% grade to pass)	2 hours (maximum)
Part 2: Ski Lift Operator Training Session Design	8 hours

### **\*\*Note:**

The test must be written and supervised at a College, High School, or Government Office where there may be an administrative fee charged to the student at the location (this is standard policy among the Colleges in BC). You will be required to contact one of these types of locations in order to make arrangements prior to the date you wish to write the test and then forward the contact information at the location to your online Instructor at Selkirk who will dispatch the exam password to the contact. Your online Instructor will contact the person supervising your test by email with instructions to confirm the identification of the person taking the exam by viewing photo ID. The person writing the exam will be monitored during the exam to ensure they are working independently.

## Course Materials

The printed materials you will need to accompany the online course in order to complete this course are:

Item	Source
This LIFT 150 manual: <i>LIFT 150: Ski Lift Operations Train-the-Trainer Learning Guide</i> , Selkirk College.	Mailed to you upon registration
<i>Lift Operator Training: Training Course Design and Lesson Plans</i> , Selkirk College.	Mailed to you upon registration
A current copy of the Z-98 Standard ( <i>CSA Z98-07, Passenger Ropeways and Passenger Conveyors</i> , November, 2007), Canadian Standards Association.	Your resort copy
<i>BC Safety Standards Act – Elevating Devices Safety Regulation</i> , BC Provincial Government.	Your resort copy

You will be working with these materials throughout the Train-the-Trainer course.

Start Dates: Continuous intake beginning Nov 15. Last registration date: March 1

Course duration: Three weeks from date of registration to complete all aspects of the course.