

TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES
DIVISION 2: TOURISM

**§ 2172. Tour Operators and Tourist Land/Sea Transport Operators:
MVA Approved Certification Required.**

In order to obtain a certification from the MVA to conduct business as a Tour Operator or Tourist Land/Sea Transport Operator, a person must:

- (a) be a member in good standing with MVA;
- (b) maintain an office within the CNMI;
- (c) not employ tour guides that have not been certified by MVA as required by [4 CMC § 2173](#);
- (d) maintain a bank account in the CNMI under the business name;
- (e) employ, or retain as an independent contractor, at least one person who is fluent in the English language; and
- (f) comply with such other terms and conditions designed to promote the professionalism of the tour industry as the MVA may require by regulation, including the establishment of any certification fee that is necessary to recoup the costs of operating the programs authorized by this Article.

Source: [PL 18-58](#) § 4(102) (July 31, 2014), modified; amended by [PL 20-51](#) § 2 (Apr. 6, 2018).

Commission Comment: [Historical comments removed.]