

TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES
DIVISION 2: TOURISM

§ 2173. Tour Guides: MVA Approved Certification Required.

(a) No person may be employed as a tour guide unless he or she has received an MVA approved certificate as set forth in subsection (b).

(b) All persons who wish to engage in employment as a tour guide must obtain an MVA approved certificate attesting that they have successfully completed MVA approved training courses and passed MVA approved examinations on:

- (1) The history and culture of the Northern Mariana Islands;
- (2) The scenic and historic landmarks and attractions of the Northern Mariana Islands; and
- (3) Protection and conservation of the natural environment.

(c) MVA may adopt such additional qualifications for tour guides by regulation as are necessary to promote the professionalism of the tour industry, and may adopt a certification fee by regulation in such an amount that is necessary to recoup the costs of operating the programs authorized by this Article.

(d) MVA training courses shall be developed by MVA in consultation with other relevant government agencies.

(e) Pursuant to the express intent of this Article to bring uniformity and regulation to all tour operators and tour guides, MVA shall not exempt any tour guides from the requirements of this Article.

Source: [PL 18-58](#) § 4(103) (July 31, 2014), modified; amended by [PL 20-51](#) § 2 (Apr. 6, 2018), modified.

Commission Comment: [Historical comments removed.]

The Commission struck “of this section” in (a) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806](#)(d). The Commission changed “this Act” to “this Article” in (e) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806](#)(g).