

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) of this section.

(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) In addition, all persons who wish to engage in employment as a tour guide must possess minimum proficient in the English.

(d) MVA training courses shall be developed by MVA in consultation with NMC, the Historic Preservation Office, and other relevant government agencies.

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

Source: PL 18-58 § 4(103) (July 31, 2014), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission corrected the capitalization of the words “tour guide” in subsections (a), (b), and (c) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(f). The Commission corrected capitalization and punctuation at the beginning and ends of subsections (b), (b)(1), (b)(2), and (b)(3) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(f). Subsections (c) and (d) were undesignated sentences in PL 18-58. The Commission designated them as subsections (c) and (d) and redesignated subsection (e) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(a).