

Hotham Ski and Ride School Skills Clinic 2017

Thank you for your expression of interest in joining the Hotham Ski & Ride School as a ski or snowboard instructor for the 2017 season. We have a number of full-time and part-time positions available for the upcoming season.

In order to assess all applicants as fairly as possible, the Hotham Ski & Ride School will be conducting a 2 day Skills Clinic, on both skis and snowboard, commencing **17 June** at 8.45am at the Ski and Ride School meeting place. The cost of this clinic is **\$259** which includes all lift tickets, and 12 hours instruction over the two days. (**Please Note:** the Skills Clinic will run regardless of snow conditions, in the event that no snow is available an indoor program will come into effect.)

The Hotham Ski and Ride School will conduct an APSI (Australian Professional Snowsport Instructors) Level 1 Instructors Course (free to Hotham candidates) commencing **Monday 19 June for 3 days with an exam conducted on Thursday the 22 June**. Successful candidates from the 2 day Skills Clinic will be required to **successfully pass** all components of the APSI level 1 Certificate prior to starting work. **APSI membership, teaching manual and exam fees are at a cost to the candidate. You MUST complete this certification or hold a current certification to be employed with the MHSC. (Note: Those who already have a ski or snowboard qualification will not be required to attend this 4 day course/exam).** The APSI website for your reference is www.apsi.net.au.

It is not necessary to purchase a seasons pass prior to the skills clinic as unsuccessful candidates will be able to purchase a seasons pass at the Early Bird rate until the end of June.

The Skills Clinic will consist of a comprehensive overview of ski and snowboard instruction, fundamental techniques, communication, guest service strategies and of course, plenty of ski/snowboard improvement. Even for those not necessarily interested in becoming an instructor, the Skills Clinic is a great way to improve your knowledge of skiing/snowboarding and fundamental skills.

Those intending to apply for a position with the Hotham Ski & Ride School should, most importantly, possess strong communication skills and a genuine passion for teaching and assisting others. Good all round skiing/snowboarding skills are also a pre-requisite (competent in the "Blue Zone" according to Hotham Ski & Ride School ability chart). Part time positions are also generally available. Part timers must commit to working a minimum of the school holidays (**one week at least from 10–23 July**) and all weekends in August. Those offered employment will be expected to teach both adults and children.

As Hotham is located in the Victorian Alpine National Park a resort entry fee is payable and is managed by the Mount Hotham Resort Management Board (RMB). Please email Nigel Mills at snowsports@hotham.com.au for a special car pass rate provided for the duration of the Skills Clinic.

Company provided accommodation is generally in short supply (and not available for part time staff) and it is preferable that all applicants arrange their own. Anyone intending or anticipating living at Hotham should consider making accommodation arrangements well in advance. If you require accommodation for the Skills Clinic, please contact Hotham Holidays on either 1800 HOTHAM or holidays@hotham.com.au.

Successful applicants will be required to attend a Ski & Ride School Information Session **at 5.00 pm on Saturday 1 July** and be ready to work on Monday 3 July after "shadowing" 4 hours of classes. Those applicants who are successful in obtaining employment with us will also need to be members of the APSI or their current association and are expected to wear a helmet when working. To reserve your place please go to the Hotham online store (www.hotham.com.au/eStore) and complete the order for your place within the clinic. Then you will need to complete an application for a position via our website (www.hotham.com.au) no later than the 5 June.

Best Regards,

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