



Paddlesports Safety

Facilitator FAQ

Q: What is a Paddlesport Safety Facilitator (PSF) Certification?

A: The ACA and the Safety Education & Instruction Council released the PSF program in 2016; the program is designed primarily for outfitter staff and other shore-side employees who communicate paddling safety information to clients and guests who rent paddlecraft, take guided tours, or who are seeking water safety information and tips. PSF certifications are available for [Canoeing](#), [Kayaking](#), and [Stand Up Paddleboarding](#) (SUP).

Q: What is the value of a PSF certification?

A: An employer, such as a paddling outfitter, can greatly benefit from employing certified staff who have documented safety training and assessment. PSF training adds credibility to both the individual staff member and the organization as a whole, and also may provide discounts in insurance premiums for employers.

Q: How do I obtain a PSF certification?

A: To obtain a PSF certification for Canoeing, Kayaking, SUP, or any combination of the three, you must complete the [PSF General/Base](#) training module followed by the individual discipline module(s). Also, you must become an ACA member by joining online or by paying the special [PSF fee](#).

Q: How do I obtain my PSF certificate?

A: Your PSF instructor will submit a report to the ACA National Office at the conclusion of your course, at which time a certification card will be sent to you. If you need a replacement card or have not received a card within two weeks of your PSF course, please contact the [SEI Department](#).

Q: How do I report a PSF class or event?

A: To report a shore side class that you have taught, please use the online PSF [report form](#).

Q: How do I renew my PSF certification?

A: The ACA PSF certification is a 1 year, non-renewable certification. If you would like to continue your PSF certification, you must complete the certification course each year.