



## Process for Challenging SAR100 GSAR Exam

GSAR Instructors must obtain approval from the JIBC prior to administering a challenge exam, using the following procedures:

1. **For volunteers who hold a Basic Search and Rescue (BSAR) Certificate:** Through the SAR Group's Training Officer or GSAR Instructor, the volunteer submits a written request to SAR Training at the JIBC asking to challenge the GSAR course. If available, a copy of the BSAR Certificate should be included with the request.
2. **For volunteers with previous SAR Experience:** Through the SAR Group's Training Officer or GSAR Instructor, the volunteer submits a formal request to SAR Training at the JIBC asking to challenge the GSAR course. The request must include:
  - reason for the request
  - resume outlining previous SAR training **and** experience (for example from other provinces, Parks Canada, the military, etc.)
  - copy of any relevant certificates or transcripts from other SAR training providers

The JIBC will review the request, which may include consulting with EMBC, BCSARA, and/or the SAR Group's Training Officer or GSAR Instructor where necessary. Following the review, the JIBC will send a reply to the volunteer and GSAR Instructor advising them of the outcome. If approved, the GSAR Instructor may then administer the GSAR Challenge Exam.

The challenge exam is similar to the final GSAR evaluation and contains elements from the 3 mid-term evaluations. The challenge exam has a written portion and practical stations. All volunteers who are approved to challenge the GSAR Exam will have one opportunity to successfully complete the evaluations.

In order to pass the challenge exam, SAR volunteers must obtain 70% on the exam and can only get less than 70% on one of the seven stations.

Once all components of the challenge exam are complete, the GSAR instructor forwards copies of all evaluation documentation to the JIBC, along with a completed Student Information form, and the JIBC issues the GSAR Certificate.

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