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Dear Coral,

We are BASI members and are currently working through the qualification system. It is our understanding that BASI is in the process of trying to achieve mutual recognition of professional instructor qualifications between member states within the European Union.

The Eurotest is currently part of the BASI ISTD qualification and although it may be an objective measure of a skier's performance level it is highly debatable whether it is set at an appropriate level to ensure client safety, which was the sole justification cited by the FEMPS Nations when they were granted their derogation from EU legislation in 2000.

If the Eurotest is to continue to form part of BASI's top level qualification we feel that in its current format it is unfair for older members. The level at which the standard is set requires strength and conditioning well beyond the ability of most middle aged skiers. The test is currently handicapped by gender but not by age and we feel this is discriminatory. It has been stated that the Age Discrimination Act does not apply to education but we have had advice that contradicts this. For your reference please find attached a legal briefing paper supporting our view.

Is BASI planning to continue to include the existing Eurotest as part of the ISTD qualification?  
Is there any legislation which prevents BASI from specifying a different race test (such as the ISIA technical test or a modified Eurotest) that may be age handicapped?

If the Eurotest is to be utilised in its current format can you please determine for the membership whether or not the association contravenes any UK or EU legislation by using this particular test to award a qualification.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Pleva BASI 11580

**Signed for and on behalf of:**

25 members (Names deleted on the public version)