

Frequent Asked Questions (FAQ) on the TO certification program

General

- When will the new World Triathlon TO certification system start?

The new certification system starts in 2022. TOs will be evaluated within the existing system for the last time in January 2021.

- How many World Triathlon TO certification levels will be?

There are 4 levels. World Triathlon TO levels 1, 2, 3A, 3B

- Which events can an official attend according to his/her certification level?

The list of events and the positions that a technical official can hold, can be found in the World Triathlon TO Certification system document. The World Triathlon Technical Committee have the authority to alter this list.

- When do the TO certification lists get updated?

The annual TO certification takes place in January every year. Following the approval of the World Triathlon Technical Committee the lists are communicated to the NFs for comments. Following the two-week deadline, the final TO certification lists are released. The officials are not certified after the end of their seminar but only at the end of the season.

- How often must an official revalidate his/her status?

A TO must revalidate every 4 years (applicable for all levels). The World Triathlon TO level 3B officials must revalidate both 3A/3B level at the same time.

- How can an official remain active?

A TO remains active by officiating in at least one event every 4 years.

- For how long can an official be inactive?

Officials with an inactive status of more than 3 years are removed from the TOs' certification lists.

- How can an official become World Triathlon certified again after being removed from the World Triathlon certification list?

An official that wants to return to the official list after being removed, he/she will be starting from the point considering the number of years that he/she was absent from officiating.

- How can someone learn if he/she is eligible for a revalidation online seminar or an upgrade seminar?

The World Triathlon Sport Department releases the list of the eligible officials to revalidate or upgrade along with the World Triathlon Certification lists.

World Triathlon TO level 1 (NTO)

- When is it mandated for an official to attend an World Triathlon Community/Community Advanced or World Triathlon Activator seminar before attending an World Triathlon TO level 1 seminar?

When an official is coming from an NF classified as category 1 or 2, they must attend an World Triathlon Community/Community Advanced or World Triathlon Activator seminar first. The full list of the classified NFs can be found at www.competitions.com/development.

- What are the prerequisites for an official coming from an NF classified as category 3 or 4?

The official must be actively officiating in national events for at least 12 months.

- What are the prerequisites for an official coming from an NF with ATOEP program?

The NF internal criteria are applied.

- How soon after the World Triathlon TO level 1 seminar must an official officiate in an World Triathlon event to validate his/her new status?

He/she has to officiate within 6 months from the seminar's date.

- What is considered as an World Triathlon event?

Any event under the World Triathlon and Continental confederations' calendar. Additional to this, it will include events that are affiliated/ recognized by World Triathlon.

- When is the revalidation through the World Triathlon Hub available for an World Triathlon TO Level 1 official?

If the official has a minimum of four (4) World Triathlon Events within the four (4) previous years, in at least three different officiating areas, he/she can register on the online hub from his/her second year as World Triathlon TO level 1.

If not, he/she can attend an online revalidation course from the third year as an World Triathlon TO level 1 official.

- How often are the World Triathlon TO level 1 seminars held?

There are seminars on an annual base in every continent.

- How long is the World Triathlon TO level 1 seminar and what is covered during this course?

It is a 2 day seminar and the officials are trained on World Triathlon competition rules, technical documents and officiating policies and procedures.

World Triathlon TO level 2 (CTO)

- Which are the prerequisites for attending an World Triathlon TO level 2 seminar?

The eligible official must:

- be two (2) years as an NTO, have a minimum four (4) World Triathlon Events within the four (4) previous years, in at least three different officiating areas and
 - have revalidated the World Triathlon TO level 1 status through the World Triathlon Education Hub in the past two (2) years).
- When is the revalidation through the World Triathlon Hub available for an World Triathlon TO Level 2 official?

If the official has a minimum four (4) World Triathlon Events within four (4) previous years as a Technical Delegate, with at least one of these assignments, the year before the seminar.

They must have officiated at least one (1) Chief official role in either a WTS GF or WTS event within two (2) of the previous years, before he/she can register in an online hub from his/her second year as World Triathlon TO level 2.

If not, he/she can attend an online revalidation course from the third year as World Triathlon TO level 2 official.

- How often are the World Triathlon TO level 2 seminars held?

There are seminars on an annual base in every continent.

- How long is the World Triathlon TO level 2 seminar and what is covered during this course?

It is a 2 1/2-day seminar and the officials are trained on the event organizers' manual, multisport technical requirements, paratriathlon operations and HR duties.

World Triathlon TO level 3A/3B (ITOA/ITOB)

- What are the differences between the World Triathlon TO level 3A and 3B officials?

The 3A officials are prepared to become TDs on Major Games compared to 3B officials who are trained on managing World Triathlon major events and advanced HR duties.

- What are the prerequisites for attending an World Triathlon TO level 3A seminar?

The eligible official must:

- be two (2) years minimum at a CTO level,
- have a minimum four (4) World Triathlon Events within four (4) previous years as Technical Delegate, with at least one of these assignments, the year before the seminar,
- have at least one (1) Chief official role in either a WTS GF or WTS event within two (2) previous years and
- revalidate the World Triathlon TO level 2 status through the World Triathlon Education Hub in the past two (2) years)

- What are the prerequisites for attending an World Triathlon TO level 3B seminar?

The eligible official must:

- be three (3) years minimum as ITOA level and
 - receive a positive competence assessment by the World Triathlon Technical Committee and the World Triathlon Sport Department.
- When is the re-validation through the World Triathlon Hub available for an World Triathlon TO Level 3A official?

There is no online revalidation available for this level.

- How can an World Triathlon TO 3A and 3B official re-validate his/her level?

By attending an World Triathlon TO 3A/3B seminar every 4 years.

- How can an official achieve an honorary status for Level 3A or 3B?

If the official chooses to be inactive, the World Triathlon Sport Department will propose for him/her to receive the World Triathlon TO Level 3A/3B honorary status to the World Triathlon Technical Committee for approval.

- How often are the World Triathlon TO level 3A/3B seminars are held?
- ❖ There are seminars on quadrennial base on every continent.
- How long is the World Triathlon TO level 3A seminar and what is covered during the course?

It is a 3 daylong seminar and the officials are trained on World Triathlon major events technical requirements, sustainability, advanced HR duties and policies and procedures around the management of these events.

- How long is the World Triathlon TO level 3B seminar and what is covered during the course?

It is a 1 additional day seminar to the 3A course and the officials are trained on major events technical requirements, and policies and procedures around the management of these events.