



# Updating your skills

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Once you have had your interview and completed your post-interview questions online it's time to start working on your skill section. This is one of the most important parts of your application and is usually what camp directors look at first, so it's your time to shine! There is a time for being modest, but this certainly isn't it! Don't assume that camp directors know anything about your skill level and tell them every detail.

## **All skill sections should include:**

- How long you have done the activity
- How often you do the activity
- Any specifics (for example you can saddle a horse, or belay when rock climbing)
- Any teaching or coaching experience
- Any qualifications you have

## **Examples of skill updates:**

### Motorboat Driving:

Living on the edge of Moreton Bay means it is part of the lifestyle to go out fishing and boating every weekend since I was 8. It is in this everyday lifestyle that I drive boats of up to 250 horse power. I have my boat and jet ski license and can take people out tubing or wakeboarding or simply out to fish. Having a motorboat license is very useful for being able to enjoy life on the water and it would be terrific to be able to share this as a camp counsellor.

### Horse riding:

I have been horse riding since I was four years old and started to take part in show jumping competitions at the age of 9. I ride mostly english, but I throw a little western in too. Two years ago, I started giving horseback riding lessons in my club. What I find the most agreeable and satisfying is working with children, especially the beginners. I think the key for young riders and their caretakers is envisioning realistic expectations and celebrating their progress every step of the way. I can also saddle horses, muck out stables, feed horses and would love to teach horse riding to kids at camp!

### Orienteering:

I am a keen bush walker with a great deal of experience on a variety of different terrains. I have climbed many mountains in the past 5 years through Australia and overseas and usually do so every month. My last walk in July 2011 was four days which you carried everything in a backpack including tent, bedding, food, utensils, clothes and a small gas cooker and matches. I have also lead bush walks where you had to orientate your way with a map and compass. As I spend a lot of my time in remote parts of the Australian bush, being able to navigate myself to where I need to go is a key skill needed for survival. I naturally have a good sense of direction so this is a huge benefit for orienteering.