Please find the requested information below:

➢ IVSI - Cards Certification

The International Association of Snow Sports Instructors (IVSI) has introduced a completely new licensing system, which replaces the old identification cards.

The new electronic IVSI Card

- **Digital Verification:** The physical ID cards are now equipped with an **NFC chip**. The validity and training level can be read by simply holding the card up to a smartphone and are displayed on the screen.
- **Transition Period:** Following the start of the rollout, there will be a **3-year transition period**, after which old paper or badge-style IDs will finally lose their validity (2026/27 season).

The New 3-Level Certification System

Along with the new cards, the qualification system has been completely overhauled and restructured. It is divided into three progressive certification levels:

Level	Meaning G Function
Silver	Entry-level, representing clearly defined progress in basic skills.
Gold	Higher level with expanded professional scope and greater responsibility.
Platinum	The highest certification level for experienced instructors and trainers.

*In addition, there is a **white card** that serves as official recognition for individuals who are just beginning their careers as coaches and instructors.*

Application and Requirements

Registration and ordering are not done directly but through the respective national member associations.

- **Austria (ÖVSI):** All members of the Austrian Snow Sports Instructors Association (ÖVSI) who have completed their training can apply for the card through the ÖVSI office.
- **Germany (DSV / DAV / Naturfreunde):** For example, DSV instructors can apply through the DSV Card C License Service, while eligible coaches can apply through the Alpine Club (DAV) via Interski Germany.
- **Benefits:** In addition to serving as international proof of qualification, many ski lift operators offer discounted lift ticket prices to holders of a valid IVSI Card.

If you'd like **to** know **exactly how to apply for the card**, or if you need information on the **specific training requirements** for a particular level (Silver, Gold, Platinum), please contact your association.

➢ IVSI - Snowsports Certificate Course (Master's Level)

The new university program **"SNOWSPORTS"** is a part-time certificate program at the master's level that combines academic continuing education with professional snow sports practice. The program is offered by **the International Association of Snow Sports Instructors (IVSI)** in cooperation with the **German University of Health and Sports (DHGS)** and the **Snowsports Academy**.

Key Facts About the Program

- **G-Level Degree:** Upon successful completion, graduates receive the **Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) SNOWSPORTS** at **the master's level**.
- **Scope:** The program spans **2 semesters**, includes **G modules** as well as **1,500 hours of coursework** and awards a total of **60 ECTS credits**.
- **Transferability:** The 60 ECTS credits earned are fully **transferable** toward a **master's degree in sports science**.
- **Additional Qualification:** In addition to the academic certificate, participants simultaneously earn the qualification to become **a state-certified ski instructor in Austria**.

Program Structure and Content

The program is designed so that digital, academic learning phases alternate with intensive, practical training in an alpine setting. It is specifically aimed at future alpine sports leaders to help them respond to challenges such as climate change, internationalization, and the digitalization of the industry.

Focus	Focus and Competencies
Sports Science	In-depth sports science theory at the university level.
Management and Leadership	Business, management, and leadership skills for the ski industry and tourism.
Practical Experience and Projects	Excellent training in alpine sports combined with real-world projects in alpine destinations.

Detailed information and documents, such as framework guidelines and examination regulations, are available on the official IVSI download page. Further insights into the program and the registration process can be found directly on the SNOWSPORTS university program page of the partner academy.