Application for Land Based Guiding Activities



Is this the right application form for me?

Use this application form for commercial land based guiding activities on public conservation land e.g.

- Walking, hiking and tramping (day, night and overnight)
- Climbing
- Biking (manual and e-bike)
- Hunting
- Fishing
- Horse riding
- Vehicle activities (motorbikes, 4x4, quad bike and snow mobile)
- Other land based guiding activities.

Use this form for all new applications and variations to existing guiding concessions.

Is your activity on a conforming track?

There are a number of tracks, called <u>conforming tracks</u>¹, that are already approved and available for guided walking if certain conditions are followed. For guided activities on conforming tracks, use the Department of Conservation (DOC) <u>conforming track application form</u>².

How do I complete this application form?

- Complete all sections of this form
- DOC encourages electronic applications (e.g. typed Word document), rather than handwritten applications. Electronic applications are easier to read and less likely to be returned to you for clarification
- If you need extra space, attach or include extra documents and label them according to the relevant section. Record all attachments in the table at the back of the application form (section L).

Personal information will be managed by DOC confidentially. For further information check <u>DOC's privacy</u> and security statements³.

¹ <u>https://www.doc.govt.nz/quided-wa king-conforming</u>

² <u>https://www.doc.govt.nz/guided-wa king-conforming</u>

³ <u>https://www.doc.govt.nz/footer-links/privacy-and-security/</u>

If I need some help, where do I get more information?

- Check the DOC's 'Land-based guided activities'⁴ webpage
- Arrange a pre-application meeting (either face to face or over the phone) by contacting the <u>Department of Conservation Office</u>⁵ closest to where the activity is proposed. You can use <u>DOC</u> <u>maps</u>⁶ to identify which District Office you should contact. Or arrange a meeting with any of our <u>four</u> <u>offices that process concessions</u>⁷ – choose the one closest to where the activity is proposed.
- If your application covers multiple districts, contact the office nearest most of the locations you are applying for, or nearest to locations you have a specific question about.

Have you considered DOC's statutory planning documents?

Your concession must not be inconsistent with <u>DOC's relevant statutory planning documents</u>⁸ as they set out how DOC and our Treaty partners manage public conservation land. Statutory planning documents can have a direct impact on your application, for example they may set the specific track limitations and maximum group size allowed.

Book a pre-application meeting with DOC staff if you require assistance with navigating DOC's statutory planning documents.

How do I submit my application?

Email your completed application and any other attachments to: permissions@doc.govt.nz

What happens next?

Once it is received, your application will be assessed by DOC. If your application is complete, DOC will begin processing.

If your application is incomplete it will be returned to you for more information.

Why does DOC ask for this information?

The questions in this application form are designed to cover the requirements set out in DOC's conservation legislation. Your answers allow us to assess:

- The effects of your activity and your proposed methods to avoid, remedy of mitigate any adverse effects of the activity.
- Your qualifications, resources, skills and experience to adequately conduct the activity on public conservation land.
- Your creditworthiness is a factor in determining whether DOC should extend credit to you and set up a DOC customer accounts receivable credit account for cost recovery. To make this assessment DOC will supply your information to a credit checking agency.

Note: Information collected by DOC will be supplied to a debt collection agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.

⁴ <u>https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/business-or-activity/land-based-guided-activities/</u>

⁵ www.doc.govt.nz/footer-links/contact-us/office-by-name/

⁶ <u>http://maps.doc.govt.nz/mapviewer/index.html?viewer=docmaps</u>

⁷ https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/contacts

⁸ https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/our-policies-and-plans/statutory-plans/

Treaty Partner consultation

DOC has a statutory responsibility to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. One component of this may be DOC consulting with Treaty Partners about your application. This consultation will feed into DOC's decision-making process. More information can be found on the DOC website on our <u>iwi/hapū/whānau consultation</u>⁹ page.

Contact your local <u>DOC office¹⁰ if you require further information about consultation</u>.

What fees will I pay?

You may be required to pay a **processing fee** for this application regardless of whether your application is granted or not. You may request an estimate of the processing fees for your application. If you request an estimate, DOC may require you to pay the reasonable costs of the estimate prior to it being prepared. DOC will not process your application until the estimate has been provided to you. In addition, if you are granted a guiding concession on public conservation land you maybe required to pay annual **activity and management fees**. These fees are listed on the Land-based guided activities¹¹ page on the DOC website.

DOC will invoice your processing fees after your application has been considered. If your application is large or complex, DOC may undertake billing at intervals periodically during processing until a decision is made. If you withdraw your application DOC will invoice you for the costs incurred up to the point of your withdrawal.

Your application will set up a credit account with DOC. See the checklist at the end of the form for the terms and conditions you need to accept for a DOC credit account.

Will my application be publicly notified?

Your application will be publicly notified if:

- It is a license with a term of more than 10 years
- It is a lease
- After having regard to the effects of the activity, DOC considers it appropriate to do so

Public notification will increase the time and cost of processing of your application.

What does DOC require if my application is approved?

If your application is approved DOC requires:

- **Insurance** to indemnify the Minister against any claims or liabilities arising from your actions. The level of insurance cover will depend on the activity.
- A copy of your safety plan audited by an external expert (e.g. Health and Safety in Employment (Adventure Activity) Regulations 2011 audit or a DOC listed organisation). See the <u>Safety Plan</u>¹² information on the DOC website for further information.

Note: DOC/Minister can vary the concession if the information on which the concession was granted contained material inaccuracies. DOC may also recover any costs incurred.

⁹ https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/iwi-consultation/

¹⁰ https://www.doc.govt.nz/footer-links/contact-us/office-by-name/

¹¹ <u>https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/business-or-activity/land-based-guided-activities/</u>

¹² <u>https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/apply-for-permits/managing-your-concession/safety-plans/</u>

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	Email								
	Postal address			Haka Tourism G Suite 1.01, 27 G Gillies Ave Offic	illies Ave		Post	code 1	023

	Newmarket, Auckland		
Street address (if different from Postal address)	Shop 229 Level 1, Leftbank Arcade, Cuba Street Cuba St Wellington	Postcode	6001

B. Variation of an existing concession

Is this application *varying* an existing concession?

No	\boxtimes
Yes	

- Only complete the parts of the form that relate to the variation you are seeking.
- State the concession number of which you wish to vary and describe the variation.

Concession number you wish to vary

• Briefly describe the variation you are seeking to your existing concession:

C. Pre-application meeting

Have you had a pre-application meeting or spoken to someone in DOC?

No	
Yes	

State when and who with:

D. Description of activity

Select all the guiding activities you are applying for.

\boxtimes	Day walks, hiking and tramping	Hunting*
	Night walks, hiking and tramping	Fishing
	Overnight walks, hiking and tramping	Motorbike
	Climbing	4x4 vehicle
	Manual bike rides	Quad bike
	Electric bike rides	Snow mobile
	Horse riding	Other ^

* If you selected hunting, state which type of animal/s you plan to hunt.

^ If you selected other explain below the type of guiding activity. (location details can be completed in section L below). A pre-application meeting is strongly recommended for new or unusual guiding.

E. Are you applying for anything else?

Are you submitting any other application forms in relation to this application?

No	
Yes	

If yes, state which application forms:

F. Duration

State how long (months and years) you want your concession to last?

Concession Term to expire 30 November 2026

Explain why you are seeking this duration:

As agreed under the Department's 2023 bulk process for Tongariro Alpine Crossing guiding concessions.

G. Background experience of applicant

Provide relevant information relating to your ability to carry out the proposed activity (e.g. details of previous concessions, membership of professional organisations, and relevant qualifications).

ANZ Nature tours HTG Ltd has operated for over 20 years providing small group nature and walking tours in New Zealand. Since 29/10/2021 the ownership status changed to .

- 40% THE SANDERS WHĀNAU TRUST LIMITED
- 60% Intrepid Group Ltd * (new shareholder)

The Company Name ANZ Nature tours HTG Ltd remains the same.

The company address with offices in Wellington and Auckland remain under the change of ownership the same.

Wellington Office: Shop 229 Level 1, Leftbank Arcade, Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011 Auckland Office: Gillies Ave Office Park Suite 101, 27 Gillies Ave, Newmarket, Auckland 1023

ANZ Nature Tours HTG Ltd is the current holder of the Concessions in Appendix B and has contiued to use the concessions with approval from DOC with its change of ownership status. ANZ Nature Tours HTG Ltd has continued to operate as an Inbound Tourism Operator running small nature based guided nature tours primarily to the European market and in particular German speaking Europe.

ANZ Nature Tours HTG Ltd remains a Member of the Tourrism Export Council and The Tourism Industry Aotearoa and is Qualmark Certified.

<u>* Intrepid Group LTd is a B Corp Certified Travel Company</u>. As a B Corp Certified Business Intrepid meets the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance, public transparency, and legal accountability to balance profit and purpose.

nission List: (Holder) ANZ Nature Tours HTG Limited - Trading as: Haka Tours	1		
Permission Description	Permission No.	File Ref	Status 🕇
Guided walking on conforming tracks	69402-GUI	69402-GUI	Active
Guided walks on Queen Charlotte Track	87439-GUI	87439-GUI	Active
TAC Bulk Reissue Process - Guiding in Tongariro National Park	91334-GUI	91334-GUI	Active
Guided walking in Abel Tasman National Park.	NM-33545-GUI	PAC-24-06-32-02	Active

ANZ NATURE TOURS HTG LTD was founded in 1994 and has been running small group guided tours in New Zealand for over 21 years. When joining Haka Tours Ltd ANZ committed to respectfully incorporating <u>Māori principles and values</u> into its business practices. ANZ Nature Tours and Haka Tours are guided by the three core Māori values of **Whanaungatanga** (*relationships and feeling a sense of belonging*), **Kaitiakitanga** (guardianship and the connection between people and the natural world) and **Manaakitanga** (hospitality and the act of caring for a person's mana).

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Under the changed ownership status ANZ Nature tours will continue to offer its range of small group tours travelling throughout New Zealand.

Under the changed ownership status ANZ remains commited to helping protect our natural environment and our guides commit to being respectful and showing responsibility for their guests and their interactions in natral environments. This includes but is not limited to remaining on marked trails, taking all rubbish away with group, filling out all required paperwork correctly and on time, briefing clients about environment awareness, not allowing clients to take any flora or fauna or other natural samples from the environments they enter.

H. Consultation undertaken

DOC has a statutory obligation to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. This often requires consultation with our Treaty Partner (iwi/hapū/whānau of local Maori) on your application. If you have already consulted with our Treaty Partner, or with other interested stakeholders, DOC would like to know about it.

We recommend you discuss consultation with a DOC staff member before starting your application.

No	\boxtimes
Yes	
 If yes, supply details for each group consulted w 	ith:
Whānau/hapū/iwi consulted with:	
Name of individual you consulted with:	
Date of consultation:	
Form of consultation (e.g. email, meeting):	
Outcome of consultation*:	

Other interested stakeholders consulted with e.g. Conservation Boards or community groups:

Name of individual you consulted with:	
Date of consultation:	
Form of consultation (e.g. email, meeting):	
Outcome of consultation*:	

If you received a written response to consultation attach a copy to this application. Record the document details in section 'L Attachments' of this form.

I. Location(s) and activity(ies)

List all the areas of your proposed operation. All columns <u>must</u> be completed. If the column is not applicable you must state so. If you require more space attach a separate document.

Need help? If you are unable to identify a location contact the local District Office or use DOC's online mapping system - maps.doc.govt.nz¹³.

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Activity: State the type of guiding you are undertaking: e.g. walking (day, night or overnight), biking (manual or e-bike), hunting, fishing, horse riding vehicle activities (state which type e.g. motor bike vehicle, 4x4 vehicle, quad bike, snow mobile) or you must specify any other type of guiding.

Public conservation land: Should include the official name and type (e.g. Nature Reserve, National Park) of the Public Conservation Land that the track or location is within (use <u>maps.doc.govt.nz¹⁴</u>).

Track name: If the proposed activity is on a track you must include the official name of the track. If you intend to operate on part of the track, state where you plan to begin and end [see Example over page]. If the activity is off track you must include NZTM GPS coordinates and an annotated map outlining the proposed area [see Example over page].

DOC facilities: List any DOC facilities used in detail e.g. shelters, huts, campsites, drop off at car parks etc. Include the number of nights if applicable. Include the location even if it is used as a planned lunch/snack stop.

Dates of operation: The time of year you plan to operate e.g. all year activity or the exact months of the operation. Listing a season e.g. summer, will not be accepted.

6 Maximum group number: Provide the maximum guiding group number including the guide/s.

Maximum number of trips: List the maximum number of trips per day, week, and year.

8 Duration of visit: Select from: less than 1 hour; 1-4 hours; 4-12 hours; 12-24 hours; overnight (state total number of nights).

¹³ maps.doc.govt.nz

¹⁴ maps.doc.govt.nz

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Activity	Public Conservation Land	Track Name	DOC Facilities	Dates of Operation	Max. Group Size (Incl. Guides)	Max. Number of Trips	Duration of Visit
Day walking	Fiordland National Park	<u>Correct</u> <u>example</u> ✓ Kaka Track – Control Gates to Kiwi Shelter and return	Kaka Track car park, Kiwi Shelter (lunch stop)	01 May to 31 July each year	6 people	1 per day 3 per week 50 per year	4-12 hours
		<u>Incorrect</u> <u>example X</u> Kaka Walk	Campsite	Autumn / Winter	TBC	12	Unknown
Overnight Walk	Fiordland National Park	<u>Correct</u> <u>example</u> ✓ Off track. From Kea summit, along ridgeline, down to Kiwi Shelter (starting at NZTM X:1,212,333, Y:5,032,320 – marked map attached)	Kaka Track car park, Kiwi Shelter (lunch stop), Saddleback Hut (1 night)	All year	6 people	1 per month 12 per year	Overnight – 1 night

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Activity	Public Conservation Land	Track Name	DOC Facilities	Dates of Operation	Max. Group Size (Incl. Guides)	Max. Number of Trips	Duration of Visit
Day Walking	Tongariro National Park	Tongariro Alpine Crossing (Location ID: 18855)	Walking Track	Oct-April	15	unlimited	Up to eight hours

0	2	8	4	6	6	0	8
Activity	Public Conservation Land	Track Name	DOC Facilities	Dates of Operation	Max. Group Size (Incl. Guides)	Max. Number of Trips	Duration of Visit

J. Consistency with DOC statutory plans

List the <u>DOC statutory planning documents¹⁵ relevant to your application</u>:

- Tongariro Taupo Conservation Management Strategy (2002 2012)
- Tongariro National Park Management Plan (2006 2016)

Are you aware of any potential inconsistency of your activity with DOC's statutory planning documents?

No	
Yes	

If you have answered yes explain why it is inconsistent with the statutory planning documents.

¹⁵ https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/our-policies-and-plans/statutory-plans/

K. Effects assessment

The table below suggests some common environmental effects and ways to remedy, mitigate or avoid them. Tick the boxes that are relevant to your application.

If you have identified effects or mitigation measures that are *not* included in the table below, or you have an unusual activity, you will need to attach a document listing your potential effects and how you propose to avoid, remedy or mitigate them. Record this additional information in section L as an attachment.

Feature	Potential effects	Proposed methods to avoid, remedy or mitigate the effect	Tick which apply
Disturba		- Educate staff, and clients on the sensitivities of the area and advise them of low impact techniques	\boxtimes
	Disturbance of	- Remain on formed tracks or well used routes	\boxtimes
	vegetation or natural area	- Do not cut down or damage any vegetation or natural feature	\boxtimes
		- Ensure vehicles remain on formed roads	\boxtimes
		- Remain on formed tracks or well used routes	\boxtimes
Flora and fauna Damage to wildlife or habitat		- Ensure vehicles remain on formed roads	\boxtimes
		- Stay at least 20m away from wildlife and educate staff and clients on appropriate behaviour where wildlife is present (a separate permit is required for viewing marine mammals)	
		- Don't startle wildlife with noise or camera flashes	\boxtimes
	-	- Use infra-red torches for night time viewing	
	or habitat	- Do not feed any species	\boxtimes
		- Do not harass any species	\boxtimes
		- Do not take animals, including domestic pets, onto the land	\boxtimes
		- Do not play recordings of bird song	\boxtimes
		- When driving vehicles, ensure that special care is taken during bird nesting periods. Ensure speed is dramatically reduced where wildlife may be present	

Biosecurity Biosec	Introduction of new	 Follow Biosecurity New Zealand's <u>Check Clean Dry</u> procedure when in and around waterways 	\boxtimes
	or increase in existing threats to	- Ensure footwear is cleaned at designated cleaning stations (e.g. Kauri die back areas) or with appropriate cleaning methods when cleaning stations are not available	\boxtimes
		- Take all precautions to ensure weeds are not introduced to the land	\boxtimes
		- Ensure party sizes are kept to the limits set out in the statutory planning documents	\boxtimes
		- Complete accurate annual activity returns to allow DOC to monitor usage	\boxtimes
	Crowding – too	- Consider timing of visits to off peak periods of the day, week, season or year where possible	\boxtimes
	many people in a hut, campsite, car	- Ensure clients and guides do not monopolise any part of the track, viewing area or car park	\boxtimes
track in re	park or along the track in relation to the visitor setting.	- Allow other users to pass the group easily	\boxtimes
		- Park vehicles in designated parking spaces	\boxtimes
Cumulative impacts of additional concessionaire operating at already busy sitesOther users of the landConflict between different activities and visitorsNoise invasion of people's quiet enjoyment of the area e.g. loud noises.Damage or impingement on other existing public use facilities	of additional concessionaire	- Co-ordinate visits with other concessionaires (where possible)	\boxtimes
		- Limit hut use to 50% for all commercial operators combined and ensure all relevant details are recorded in the 'hut book'	
		- Carry tents in case hut is full	
		- Ensure no permanent camp sites are created and no stores of equipment left on the land	
	different activities	- Co-ordinate visits with other concessionaires (where possible)	\boxtimes
	people's quiet enjoyment of the area e.g. loud	- Educate staff and clients on the need for respect for other visitors and their right to quiet enjoyment of the area	
	impingement on other existing public	- Educate staff and clients to respect public facilities	

Cultural values Cultural values	- Consult with lwi over any proposal for cultural interpretation		
	- Ensure any cultural interpretation is consistent with lwi values	\boxtimes	
	stories/history about the site	- Educate clients to respect cultural values or traditions	\boxtimes
Damage to historic sites or objects, including Wahi	- Educate staff, and clients on the sensitivities of the area and advise them of low impact tramping/riding etc. techniques		
	Tapu e.g., disturbance of the ground	- Limit approach distance and stay on existing paths	\boxtimes
		 Follow the '<u>Leave no Trace</u>' and '<u>Visit the Kiwi way</u>' principles 	\boxtimes
Rubbish and waste and waste or debris left on public conservation land		- Do not bury any toilet waste within 50 metres of a water source	\boxtimes
	 Designate someone in the party as a 'Tail-End Charlie' to ensure no rubbish or debris is dropped/left behind 	\boxtimes	
	 Provide rubbish bags, proper waste containers and removal procedures and ensure these are not accessible to wildlife or able to be blown away 		
Fires	Wildfires	- Ensure no open fires	\boxtimes
Private / leased land	Entering private land or public conservation land leased by DOC, without consent	- Ensure permission is obtained from the land owner if required	
Positive effects	Allow members of the public to experience public conservation land in a safe manner and in areas they may not be capable of experiencing on their own	- N/A	

L. Attachments

Attachments should only be used if there is:

- Not enough space on the form to finish your answer
- You have additional information that supports your answer
- You wish to make an additional request of DOC regarding the application.

Label each document clearly and complete the table below.

Section of the application form the attachment relates to	Document title	Document format (e.g. Word, PDF, Excel, jpg etc.)	Description of attachment
<u>Correct example √</u> D	Locations	Excel	Spreadsheet of all NZTM GPS locations and activities using the table format set out in section D
<u>Correct example √</u> <u>K</u>	Effects assessment	Word	List of additional potential effects (e.g. due to unusual activity) and proposed methods to avoid, remedy or mitigate the effect.
Incorrect example <u>X</u> <u>Table</u>	Doc1	Word	Table

M. Checklist

Application checklist	Tick
I have completed all sections of this form relevant to my application and understand that the form will be returned to me if it is incomplete.	\boxtimes
I certify that the information provided in this application form and any attached additional forms is, to the best of my knowledge true and correct.	\boxtimes
I have supplied maps to accompany my NZTM GPS locations listed in section 'I. Locations' (maps are <i>not</i> required if you have used the official track name).	
I have appropriately labelled all attachments and completed section 'L. Attachments' to match.	

N. Terms and conditions for a credit account with the Department of Conservation

Have you held an account with the Department of Conservation before?	Tick
No	
Yes	
If "yes", under what name:	

In ticking this checklist and placing your name below you are acknowledging that you have read and agreed to these terms and conditions for an account with the Department of Conservation

Terms and conditions				Tick
I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my/our details to the Department's Credit Checking Agency to enable it to conduct a full credit check.				\boxtimes
I/We agree that any change which affects the trading address, legal entity, structure of management or control of the applicant's company (as detailed in this application) will be notified in writing to the Department of Conservation within 7 days of that change becoming effective.				
I/We agree to notify the Department of Conservation of any disputed charges within 14 days of the date of the invoice.				\boxtimes
I/We agree to fully pay the Department of Conservation for any invoice received on or before the due date.				\boxtimes
I/We agree to pay all costs incurred (including interest, legal costs and debt recovery fees) to recover any money owing on this account.				\boxtimes
I/We agree that the credit account provided by the Department of Conservation may be withdrawn by the Department of Conservation, if any terms and conditions (as above) of the credit account are not met.				\boxtimes
I/We agree that the Department of Conservation can provide my details to the Department's Debt Collection Agency in the event of non-payment of payable fees.				\boxtimes
Applicant Name/s (of authorised person/s)		Date	30/08/2023	
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Credit check completed				
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Approved (Tier 4 manager	r	Name		

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