



Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

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## **Requirements for operating commercial activities on Public Conservation Lands in New Zealand**

The Department of Conservation administers all Public Conservation Lands (PCL) in New Zealand on behalf of all New Zealanders.

Commercial operators undertake a number of activities across the country under a concession (permit) with the Department. This includes guiding and on tracks, parking in carparks and visiting other interest sites.

For the upcoming season 2012/2013, the Department will be undertaking compliance checks to ensure that operators are complying with the conditions of their concession. The Department will also be using this opportunity to identify commercial operators who do not have a concession and are therefore operating illegally. The Department will be requiring those operators who do not have a concession to either apply for one or to operate under the concession of an existing approved operator.

A list of approved operators can be found on the Department of Conservation website under Parks and Recreation.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/guides-and-commercial-tourism-providers/>  
The Tourism Export Council of New Zealand and ProGuides New Zealand Incorporated as national operators, along with a few others are not currently on this website, but do hold concessions.

Holding a concession requires the payment of activity fees to the Department each year for the right to work on PCL. These fees are based on user pays per person.

Information regarding concessions can be found on the link below.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/concessions-and-permits/concessions/>

If you have any queries regarding concessions, it is advised that you contact the permissions teams at the Department of Conservation.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/concessions-and-permits/concessions/contacts/>

For questions relating to the concessions mentioned above, please contact Julia Eason

Yours faithfully

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