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WorkSafe NZ calling all operators

WorkSafe NZ is calling every adventure activity operator to find out how far through the safety audit and registration process they are, and what additional help they might need to complete the process.

WorkSafe NZ is explaining that a template Safety Management Plan is being prepared that all operators will be welcome to use, and dedicated safety advisers are being recruited who will offer individual coaching and support.

Work is also underway to establish a process for recognising auditor providers. Once that's completed and more auditor providers are available, WorkSafe NZ will contact all operators direct to let them know the options.

In the meantime, continue to work hard on getting ready to be **audited**. If you have specific questions or concerns, email aao@worksafe.govt.nz.

Safety Advisers wanted

Do you have the right mix of knowledge about safety in adventure activities and the audit process to enable you to help others?

WorkSafe NZ is looking to contract a further four safety advisers for five months from May. You can work from home, or the location of your choice for the duration of these full-time contracts.

The safety advisers will offer individual help, coaching and support to operators as they progress toward registration.

To apply, email aao@worksafe.govt.nz, with your CV outlining your knowledge and experience.

Early registration deadline revoked

WorkSafe NZ has revoked all early registration deadlines, which means all adventure activities operators now have the same deadline of 1 November. [Read more.](#)

Audit preparation

Checklist

- Schedule time in your diary now to make sure your safety management plan is ready for audit.
- Check the [safety audit standard](#) and make sure your SMP covers all the topics.
- Look at the SupportAdventure safety management plan examples in the [operators forum section](#).
- Check each section of the [safety management systems](#) part of the website.
- Ensure staff are suitably competent and use nationally recognised qualifications wherever possible.

Sole operators – be prepared

There is concern that sole operators are not getting their plans ready for audit. Please be aware the audit requirement and registration applies to you too.

Most sole operators seem to be in the outdoor instruction sector such as providers of outdoor pursuits, rescue training and dive instruction.

Please pass the word to your peers and make sure they know their responsibilities.

See the [SupportAdventure website](#) for information on developing a safety management plan.

Spread the word

Please help spread the word about the [Adventure Activities Regulations](#) and the need to be audited and registered. Direct people to the [SupportAdventure website](#) for more information.

A big thank you to the NZ Mountain Guides Assn, NZ Outdoors Instructors Assn and the PADI Diving Society Asia Pacific. These organisations have all been encouraging their members to be aware of their responsibilities under the [Adventure Activities Regulations](#).

OutdoorsMark audits

OutdoorsNZ advise they have resumed audits and have been in contact with all existing clients. If you haven't heard from them or have any enquiries please email safety@outdoorsnz.org.nz.

Outdoors New Zealand

A message from Chairperson Josie Ogden-Schroeder

The past month has been difficult for Outdoors New Zealand and the Board is grateful to all of you who are supporting us with notes of appreciation and ongoing custom. We are not insolvent, but we have faced major capacity and resourcing problems. [Read more.](#)

We are currently evaluating Outdoors NZ's advocacy, leadership and professional development performance, including OutdoorsMark, and would like operator feedback on our role going forward.

It is anticipated that OutdoorsMark will not be owned and operated by Outdoors New Zealand in the future, as safety auditing is not considered core business, and in the current legislative requirement we lack the capacity to provide this service to the degree required.

If you would like to provide feedback to Outdoors NZ please email Josie Ogden-Schroeder josie@ymcachch.org.nz

Activity Safety Guidelines

[Activity Safety Guidelines](#) (ASGs) outline what technical experts currently consider to be good practice for managing safety in a particular activity. They focus on managing significant hazards and preventing death or other serious harm.

ASGs are in place for abseiling, canyoning, caving, heli-skiing, all terrain vehicles and climbing on artificial structures. Please help us keep these current - email TIA Adventure & Outdoor Project Leader [Rachael Moore](#) with feedback.

ASGs under development

- High wire and swing public consultation - the [High wire and swing ASG](#) is available for public consultation until 9 May 2014. This ASG covers several activities - high ropes courses, ziptours, adventure parks, via ferratas and swings. To view the ASG and access the consultation response form go to [SupportAdventure](#). Congratulations to the high wire and swing ASG working groups for their great work.
- Coasteering - the first meeting of the coasteering ASG working group will be held on 24 April
- Dive ASG - the first two meetings have been held with the working group



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SupportAdventure website principles

Web principles have been confirmed for the SupportAdventure website. The principles are designed for the use of whoever is managing the website. Currently this role is fulfilled by TIA. They are an important document that ensures the website remains of and for the sector. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback. The principles can be viewed [here](#).

Targeted review of qualifications - get involved

Skills Active has sent an update of stage 2 of the TROQ process and called for applications for sector reference groups and technical advisors. The closing date for applications is 14 April 2014. For more information [click here](#).

These are important roles that will significantly influence the future of qualifications in the outdoors and adventure sector.



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Collaborating on safety

- [The Great Adventure](#) - building on the success of last year's event, planning is underway for The Great Adventure 2014, 19-20 June, Wellington. The adventure and outdoor tourism sector is a vital part of New Zealand's tourism industry. This event is an opportunity for leaders in the sector to share experiences, meet and talk with key individuals in the public sector, and gather insight to help us build a strong, unified and prosperous sector. Registration and programme details coming soon.
- An Education Outdoors NZ workshop - [Essential professional development for Outdoor Education Providers who work with schools](#) - examines the interface between providers and schools and explores critical considerations when working with schools.
- The [NZ Outdoor Instructors Association National Training Symposium](#) will be at St. Pauls Collegiate Tihoi Venture School, Lake Taupo, 24-28 September 2014. This Symposium aims to encourage the continual professional development of 'on-the-ground' instructors and has a practical focus. It's a forum to network, upskill, train and revalidate NZOIA qualifications.

Keeping you up to date

We appreciate that the audit and registration process is 'dynamic' at the moment. However, if you are not already involved in the audit process or registered, we encourage you to get your systems and processes in place now so everything will progress as quickly and efficiently as possible. Adventure & Outdoor Update and SupportAdventure website will continue to keep you up to date with developments. Congratulations to operators who have completed their audit and registration – check them out [here](#).

Rachael & Josie

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