



# Support Adventure News

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## Deadline looming

The extended deadline for audit certification for operators covered by the Adventure Activities Regulations is just days away.

Currently there are around 151 operators [registered](#), of 347 notified operators. Of the 196 yet to be registered, WorkSafe NZ says about 128 are at the field audit stage or later, while some businesses have decided not to operate the activities until a later date.

WorkSafe NZ has been clear that no business can continue to offer regulated activities after 1 December if audit certification has not been completed.

### Still need to be audited?

If you have been delaying an audit, QSI (Quality Solutions International) advises it has the capacity to conduct new audits before the end of the year. Please get in touch with Ben Anderson, email [banderson@qsi-global.com](mailto:banderson@qsi-global.com) or Hemi Morete [hmorete@qsi-global.com](mailto:hmorete@qsi-global.com). QSI is one of five WorkSafe NZ-approved audit providers.

## What happens next?

WorkSafe NZ's 19 November [Update](#) includes information on what happens next, including:

- what happens if you can't operate, but need an on-site evaluation
- what happened now that you're registered
- what happens if you try and avoid registration

### WorkSafe warns don't try to play the system

WorkSafe says it is aware that some operators are considering ways of structuring their activities to avoid registration, such as running adventure activities under 'club' memberships or accepting payment for non-adventure activities, then offering the adventure activities at 'no cost'.

WorkSafe says it will keep a close eye on these types of arrangements and will consider legal action against any operators who appear to be flouting the law. Such operators also risk any future registrations.

### More information

If you still have queries about anything to do with the regulations email a WorkSafe safety advisor [aa0@worksafe.govt.nz](mailto:aa0@worksafe.govt.nz)



Waitomo Adventures - registered operator

## Coming up with TIA

Regardless of whether you are registered, are still going through the process or aren't covered by the regulations, it's important to implement your safety management system and make it a live working system that's embedded in your daily operations.

Over the next 12 months, TIA's focus will be on supporting you to implement, maintain and continuously improve your safety management system, encourage a positive safety culture and advise on good practice.

This newsletter and the [SupportAdventure website](#) will continue to deliver new resources that support you. We are also planning a workshop series in April. In the meantime, if you need advice or support contact TIA Adventure & Outdoor Project Leader Chris Warburton, email [chris.warburton@tianza.org.nz](mailto:chris.warburton@tianza.org.nz), mobile 027 2123 979.



Chris Warburton

## Activity Safety Guidelines update

Development of the High Trekking & Low Alpine Activities ASG is now underway with a working group formed. If you are interested in being part of the wider support group, please contact TIA Adventure & Outdoor Project Leader Chris Warburton email [chris.warburton@tiansz.org.nz](mailto:chris.warburton@tiansz.org.nz).

The Dive ASG is now on the [SupportAdventure website](#). It is open until 4 December for [public consultation](#).

ASGs are in place for abseiling, canyoning, caving, heli-skiing, all-terrain vehicles, coasteering, climbing on artificial surfaces, and high wire and swings. Your [feedback](#) is welcome at any time.



Alpine Recreation - registered operator

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## Qualifications news

### Cave qualifications review

The New Zealand Outdoor Instructors' Association (NZOIA) is beginning a review of their cave qualifications. If you want to be part of the team that looks into the existing qualifications and explores new ones please contact Penny Holland at [admin@nzoia.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzoia.org.nz)

### River rescue training

NZOIA has developed a river rescue course. These training opportunities are coming up in Murchison with the New Zealand Kayak School. This training course is a pre-requisite to Canoe 1 and Kayak 1 & 2.

River rescue training dates:

- 29-30 November 2014
- 2-3 January 2015
- 7-8 February 2015

For more information and registration contact Janette Kear at the NZKS, email [kayaks@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kayaks@xtra.co.nz)

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## Here's to a great summer!

Most of you will be gearing up for the busy summer months. If the latest international visitor spend and arrival stats are anything to go by, it looks like being a bumper season. This is the time to really work at entrenching your safety management system and culture of safety throughout your organisation.

Wishing you all a safe and profitable summer season.

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