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Registration deadline extension

WorkSafe New Zealand's is granting a short extension to the 1 November registration deadline to around 190 adventure activities operators covered by the Adventure Activities Regulations.

Operators that meet the criteria outlined below will have until 1 December to be complete their audit and become certified and until 12 December to be registered.

The extension applies to adventure activities operators where WorkSafe NZ is satisfied that they:

- are already well advanced in the audit process and have developed and documented a credible safety management system
- have made reasonable efforts to become registered in a timely way, in particular they have submitted their safety documentation to a Government-recognised certification body no later than 25 September 2014
- have a reasonable prospect of becoming certified and registered with the benefit of a short extension
- have no other safety concerns in the view of WorkSafe NZ.

Operators who meet these criteria and have been granted an extension are listed [here](#).

WorkSafe NZ has granted the extension because it believes it would be counterproductive to make it illegal for operators to provide adventure activities when they are so close to completing the audit process. This is a pragmatic decision and means that operators granted an extension criteria should not face business interruptions.

[Click here](#) to read the WorkSafe NZ newsletter about the extension.

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Operators covered by the extension still need to act with urgency and address non-conformities quickly as it will still be challenging to meet the new deadline. It takes time to process the paperwork after an audit has been passed and invoices need to be finalised and paid before certificates will be issued.

Enforcement

Adventure activities operators who are not registered by 1 November, or have not been granted an extension, will be illegally operating if they are providing adventure activities after 1 November 2014. WorkSafe NZ says its inspectors will be out in force from this date.

Operators who are operating illegally from 1 November face the maximum infringement fee of \$3000 and the maximum fine following prosecution of \$250,000.

If you have any queries about the extension contact WorkSafe NZ, email aao@worksafe.govt.nz

The figures

These figures have been released by WorkSafe NZ today

- Notified operators subject to the regulations: 336 (as at 25 September 2014)
- Number of operators registered: 75 (as at 25 September 2014)
- Number of operators that have been granted an extension: 192 (as they are assessed as meeting the criteria)

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