



NEW GUIDED/OUTFITTER ACTIVITY BUSINESSES PART I - APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARKS

Anyone wishing to operate a guided/outfitter activity in a national park in Canada is required to apply to Parks Canada for a business licence. "Business" is defined as any trade, industry, employment, occupation, activity or special event carried on in a park or on Parks Canada-administered lands or waters outside of a park, for profit, gain, fund raising or commercial promotion, and includes an undertaking carried on in a park by a charitable organization, or by an organization or individual on a non-profit basis.

The following procedure is for **new guided¹/outfitter² activity** businesses wanting to operate in a national park. It is not applicable if you are seeking a replacement licence. A separate application form is available for this purpose. Please contact your local Parks Canada office for further information on this process. All employees that will be conducting Guided Trips will be required to obtain a Guide Identification Card (see "Guide Identification Application Form Part IV"), and carry this card at all times while guiding. The form and procedure is appended to this document.

A separate application is available if you are seeking licensing as a new business in any other area other than guided/outfitter activities. We ask that you contact your local Parks Canada office to obtain the application form.

1. APPLICATION: How to apply for a licence to conduct a guided or outfitter activity in a national park

- (a) Complete the New Guided/Outfitter Activity Business Licence application form in full. Detailed information is necessary for Parks Canada to conduct an accurate evaluation of your application. If sufficient details are not provided, we will be unable to complete a review of your application.
- (b) Submit the completed application form, including all requirements in the documentation checklist.

Completed applications can be sent to:

Guided Business Liaison, Mountain Parks Realty and Municipal Services Jasper National Park of Canada PO Box 10 Jasper, Alberta TOE 1E0

guidelicences-permispourguide@pc.gc.ca

2. REVIEW: Parks Canada review process of a Guided/Outfitter Activity Business Licence application

- (a) Receipt of Application: On receipt of your application, Parks Canada will review your submission for completion. Incomplete applications may be returned to you to provide further information or documentation.
 - SUMMER applications must be submitted prior to September 1st. (For the purpose of this application process, summer is defined as April 1st to October 31st.)
 - ➤ WINTER applications must be submitted prior to March 1st. (For the purpose of this application process, winter is defined as November 1st to March 31st.)

² Outfitter: A company that holds the business licence and will hire qualified guides to conduct trips on their behalf, under their company name. The owner/operator of the outfitting company may also work as a qualified guide. The company may outfit clients with equipment and/or supplies.



¹ **Guide:** An individual who provides guiding services in natural/cultural areas of interest or provide local knowledge, technical skill and leadership to allow clients to participate in various day or overnight activities. A guide does not typically outfit their clients with equipment and/or supplies. A guide may be the business licence holder or be the employee of a business licence holder.

- (b) Review/Evaluation: All applications will be evaluated and a recommendation for approval or denial will be forwarded to the Field Unit Superintendent, who makes the final decision based on this recommendation. Applicants will be contacted in the time frames indicated below. This review period recognizes the need for timely review in order to allow businesses to operate in the season following their application.
 - > Park personnel will review summer applications and will contact proponents by December 1st.
 - Park personnel will review winter applications and will contact applicants by June 1st.

2. DECISION: Field Unit Superintendent's Decision

a) If the guided/outfitter activity business licence is approved: your business licence will be issued and become valid for the summer or winter season following approval. Any/all conditions imposed on the licence will be clearly defined and appended. The term of the licence cannot exceed one year and will expire on March 31 following the date of issuance.

If, at any time during the term of your licence, the parameters under which you are operating your business change, such as sale or transfer of the business, change in name or location, change to the nature of the business, or additions to the business, you <u>must inform Parks Canada immediately</u>.

b) If the guided/outfitter activity business licence is denied: you will be advised, in writing, of the reason(s) for the decision in as timely a manner as possible.

You will be notified of the decision in the manner that you have indicated in Part II of the "New Guided/Outfitter Activity Business Licence Application".

4. PAYMENT: If the application is approved, applicable fees for a Guided/Outfitter Activity Business Licence

Licence Category (per park)	\$ 61.50
Outfitter (per park)	\$ 204.50
Resident Outfitter (per park)	\$ 41.00
Guide ID Card (per guide)	\$ 8.25

While payment is not required until a determination is made on your application, payment for each activity will be payable prior to issuance of a guided/outfitter activity business licence.

5. QUESTIONS: If you have questions about applying for a business licence

Chelan Egilson, Guided Business Liaison for the Mountain Parks Realty and Municipal Services Jasper National Park of Canada PO Box 10 / 607 Connaught Drive Jasper, Alberta T0E 1E0 780-820-0665 / guidelicences-permispourguide@pc.qc.ca

A successful application will conform with the following legislation/documents:

- Canada National Parks Act and the National Parks of Canada Businesses Regulations
- Parks Canada Guiding Principles and Operational Policies
- Management Plan applicable to the park in which you are applying to conduct business (http://www.pc.gc.ca)

The following information is required as part of your application submission:

- Completed Business Licence application form (Part II)
- > Copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Business registration (if incorporated or registered)
- Proof of insurance a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 per incident 3rd party liability insurance with "His Majesty the King, in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Environment for the purpose of the Parks Canada Agency" as an additional named insured.
 - If you do not currently have insurance, we will accept a letter from your insurance carrier advising that the required coverage has been requested, and that a policy will be issued pending approval of your business licence application.
- Completed Guide ID application form (part V) with documentation or certification relevant to your ability to carry on the business activity (for requirements see Activity Guide Grid, Part IV)
- > Emergency Response Plan

Please provide any additional information you feel may be relevant in helping us assess your application:

- Describe how your proposed activity will contribute towards Parks Canada's goals of conservation, restoration and connecting visitors with nature
- > Describe ways in which the group's impact on the park's natural and cultural resources will be limited
- > Describe how the health and safety of your clients, other park users and park staff will be maintained
- Describe how impacts and conflicts with other park users' activities and wilderness experiences will be limited
- > Describe how potential effects on park facilities and facility maintenance will be reduced





NEW GUIDED/OUTFITTER ACTIVITY BUSINESSES PART II – BUSINESS LICENCE APPLICATION FOR MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARKS

Proposed Start Date of Operation:

PART A: COMPANY/OPER	RATOR INFO	RMATION			
Legal Business Name:					
Operating Name:					
Business Owner Name:					
Lessee/Property Owner Na	me (where a	oplicable):			
If you are not the owner of the pred of your business licence. Contact Street Address:	mise from which your local Parks	you are conducting your I Canada office listed in the	business, you may be e application instructio	required to execute ns for information re	a sublease prior to issuance egarding this process.
Mailing Address:					
E-Mail Address:					
Website:					
Phone:	Cell:		Fax:		
Preference for notification of		heck one). Mail □		 эх 🗆	
PART B: GENERAL INFOR application) Type of Business:	•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			ription to the
Application Type (check all	applicable):	New Business □	New Activities	□ Now Lo	cations 🗆
Detail of Activities: Provide a will support and enhance the Factivity Application Guide (Par	Parks Canada	Mandate, as well as ar	y additional informa	ation requested or	



Check off all activities you are proposing and the park in which you plan to offer the activity.										
	BNP	YNP	KNP	JNP	GNP	MRNP	WLNP			
Trail Running										
Backpacking										
Day Guiding						,				
- Day Hike										
- Winter Hike / Snowshoeing										
 Cross-country Skiing 										
Mountaineering:										
- Ski										
- Alpine										
- Rock										
- Top Roping										
Horse:										
- Day Rides										
 Sleigh or Carriage Rides 										
- Multi-Day										
Biking:										
 Road-Based Cycling 										
 Mountain Biking (Summer) 										
- Fat Biking (Winter)										
Aquatic:						•				
- River										
- Lake										
- Angling										
- Scuba Diving										
Other:										

in order to identify routes/areas, activity detail and level of activities proposed. A Level of Activity Table must be completed for each activity in each park that you are planning to operate. Where a list of official trail names is unavailable, a map depicting the route must be appended, highlighting specific area(s) of operation for each park you are proposing to operate in. ACTIVITY TABLE # Activity Include specifics on: Park/Site/Area Activity Typical Day at This Location Include: Trip objectives Designated trail name/number (attach map if unknown) Trip start and end time Points of interest Guide-to-client ratio Transportation Parking/staging areas Lunch stops, overnight accommodations (e.g. campground, hostel, ACC hut, lodge) For water-based activities: bodies of water, put-in/take-out locations Month of Operation Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Proposed # of Year 1

In order to adequately assess your application, Parks Canada requires information on areas where you plan to conduct your trips

Route Map

guided

trips/month

Subsequent

Years

APPENDIX B: LEVEL OF ACTIVITY TABLE

When staging area or trail name unknown (e.g. unofficial trails, approach line to objective), please submit a KML/KMZ (Google Earth) file or attach a detailed map marked with intended routes.

PART C: DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST						
Please enclose and check off only the documentation that is applicable						
 Detailed business licence application outlining all proposed active Proof of insurance - a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 per incident of the King, in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of E Canada Agency" as an additional named insured. If you do not currefrom your insurance carrier advising that the required coverage has issued, pending approval of your business licence application. □ Copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Business Registration (if in 	3rd party liability insurance with "His Majesty Environment for the purpose of the Parks rently have insurance, we will accept a letter as been requested, and that a policy will be					
□ *Copy of documentation or certification relevant to your ability to						
□ *Application for Guide Identification Cards (Part V)						
□ *Emergency Response Plan						
□ *Map of Service Area(s) (when trail names are not applicable)						
*Indicates that documents <i>must</i> be included with your application. Failur application as incomplete.	re to provide this information will deem your					
PART D: APPLICANT SIGNATURE						
I HEREBY VERIFY AND CONFIRM that all information provided is true and accurate, that I will comply with the business licensing conditions, and further, that I,						
Applicant Signature:	Date:					
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PRIVACY NOTICE The Government of Canada is committed to respecting your privacy. All personal information created, held or collected by the Parks Canada Agency is protected under the federal Privacy Act . This means that you will be informed of the burpose for which it is being collected and how to exercise your right of access to that information. You will be asked or your consent where appropriate. https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/topics/access-information-privacy.html						

Office Use Only
Date completed application and documentation received by park





GUIDED / OUTFITTER ACTIVITY LICENCE, PART IV

ANNEX I: Parks Canada Agency Guide Grid for Hiking, Nordic and Backpacking

Licence Category	Licence Type	Guide Class	Interpretation Requirement	Safety Standard	First Aid	Terrain Guidelines	Group Size	Business Licence Stipulation ¹
		Professional Guide*	IGA Professional Accreditation	2-day Group Management Course ²	Standard 1st Aid including CPR (16 hrs)	Single day trips on designated trails and other PCA approved non-technical areas.		All companies must employ a minimum of 1 Professional guide, the remainder must be Apprentice level and the ratio cannot exceed more than 3 Apprentices per
		(either	IGA Basic	ACMG Hiking Guide	80 hrs (ACMG standard)	diodo.		Professional
	Hiking or Winter Hiking or Snowshoe	•		Certification (Apprentice or	stanuaru)	Off-trail hiking must be approved by PCA and led by	12+	Businesses are confined to operating April 1-Oct 31 unless specific areas/activities are applied for and approved.
		wshoe		Full Hiking Guide)		Professional level guides. Winter hiking/Snowshoeing must be approved by PCA	guide	At least one guide in each group must carry equipment capable of emergency
Land-Based Day Guide		Apprentice Guide*	IGA Apprentice Accreditation	2-day Group Management Course	Standard 1 st Aid including CPR (16 hrs)	and occur in ATES Class 1 terrain only.		communication. Wildlife safety and local reporting protocols
	Maligne Canyon Icewalk	JPCIA ³ guide qualification and member in good	IGA Basic	1-day group management course (part of	Standard 1st Aid including CPR (16 hrs)	As outlined by JPCIA	12+ guide	At least one guide in each group must carry equipment capable of emergency communication
		standing		JPCIA)				Wildlife safety and local reporting protocols
	Cross-country Ski		IGA Basic	CANSI level 1	Standard 1st Aid including CPR (16 hrs)	Track-set trails or skier set trails in ATES Class 1 terrain only.	12+ guide	At least one guide in each group must carry equipment capable of emergency communication
								Wildlife safety and local reporting protocols

³ Jasper Professional Canyon Icewalk Association



 $^{^{\}mathrm{1}}$ These must not be taken as a full suite of stipulations; see General and Activity-specific conditions.

 $^{^{2}}$ Guides who have taken the 1-day group management course prior to April 2009 will be "grandfathered".





Licence Category	Licence Type	Guide Class	Interpretation Requirement	Safety Standard	First Aid	Terrain Guidelines	Group Size	Business Licence Stipulation ⁴¹
Land-based Multi-day Guide	Backpacking	Professional Guide* (ACMG)	IGA Basic	ACMG Hiking Guide Certification	80 hrs Wilderness 1st Aid (ACMG standard)	Single or multi-day trips on designated trails and other previously PC-approved non-technical areas.	9+ guide	At least one guide in each group must carry equipment capable of emergency communication Wildlife safety and local reporting protocols

* Professional Hiking guide means either: Association of Canadian Mountain Guides (ACMG) Hiking Certification (ACMG Apprentice Hiking Guide or full Hiking Guide) AND Interpretive Guides Association (IGA) Basic certification AND membership in the ACMG; Or IGA Professional Interpreter certification AND completion of the IGA 2-day Group Management² course (or equivalent) AND membership in the IGA AND ten (10) CPD (core professional development) hours. **Apprentice guide means: IGA Apprentice level certification AND completion of the IGA 2-day Group Management² course (or equivalent) AND membership in the IGA AND ten (10) (core professional development) hours.



 $^{^{}m 1}$ This must not be taken as a full suite of stipulations, see general and activity specific stipulations





ANNEX II: Parks Canada Agency Guide Grid for Horse, Aquatic-based, Mountain Biking, Canyoneering, Mountaineering and Traction Kiting

Licence Category	Licence Type	Interpretation Requirement	Safety Standard	First Aid	Terrain Guidelines	Group Size	Business Licence Stipulation ¹
	Horse Outfitter Day Rides			Standard 1st Aid	Single day trips on designated trails.	10 + guide	
Horse	Sleigh or Carriage Rides	IGA Basic	Appropriate combination of training, knowledge, and experience for the activity as assessed by the employer.	including CPR (16 hrs)	Carriage rides on specific routes or roadways in accordance with traffic regulations. Sleigh rides on specifically approved routes.	Dep't on vehicle	At least one guide in each group must carry equipment
	Horse Outfitter Multi-day			Wilderness 1 st Aid	Multi-day trips on designated trails/campsites in accordance with Backcountry quota system and graze limits.	Varies park to park ⁵	
	River		Jasper National Park River Outfitters Association (JNPROA) Standard		Specific, approved river stretches and put in/take-outs.	Don't on	capable of emergency communication.
Aquatic-	11/2/	or skills assessed by employer.	Standard 1 st Aid	Specific, approved, road-accessible lakes	Dep't. on craft used	Wildlife safety and local reporting protocols	
based		- IGA Basic	Appropriate standard for lake or river or both.	including CPR (16 hrs)	As per fishing regulations	9 + guide	
	Scuba		For instruction: PADI or NAUI instructor cert.; for guide: PADI or NAUI Dive Master.		Roadside lakes with appropriate facilities. In Banff NP, Two Jack and Minnewanka only.	PADI or NAUI guidelines	



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⁵ Party size for Jasper National Park is 20 guests and 38 horses. For backcountry lodges the limits are identified in the License of Occupation based on the trail and the capacity of the facility.





Licence Category	Licence Type	Interpretation Requirement	Safety Standard	First Aid	Terrain Guidelines	Group Size	Business Licence Stipulation ¹	
Mountain Biking (Includes Fat Biking)	Mountain Biking	IGA Basic	Professional Mountain Biking Association Level 1 (PMBIA Level 1) or equivalent	40 hrs Wilderness First Aid & CPR	Within Scope of the PMBIA Certification	9 + guide		
Canyoneering	Canyoneering	IGA Basic	American Canyoneering Association (ACA) certification or CIC (International Association of Professional CIC canyon guides) certification	Advanced 1st Aid (80 hrs)	Within Scope of the ACA and CIC Certifications	6 + guide	At least one guide in each group must carry	
	Top Roping		ACMG Top Rope Instructor ² (or Rock Guide or Mountain Guide as per below)	Standard 1st Aid including CPR (16 hrs)	ACMG Terrain Guidelines established for level/type of certification.	9 + guide	equipment capable of emergency communication. Wildlife safety and local reporting protocols	
	Ski		ACMG Ski Guide ²		ACMG Terrain Guidelines established for level/type of	Multi-day 9 + guide		
Mountaineering	Alpine	IGA Basic	ACMG Alpine Guide ²	00 bro	certification.	1 guido		
	Rock		ACMG Rock Guide ²	80 hrs. (ACMG standard)	ACMG assistant guides are			
	Mountain		Combines the highest standard of Rock, Ski and Alpine categories ²	. Sandara)	permitted, subject to the ACMG Professional and Terrain Guidelines.			



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² Certified guides listed on mountaineering licenses must maintain active membership with the ACMG, or be members in good standing of an IFMGA affiliated national guiding association.



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Licence Category	Licence Type	Interpretation Requirement	Safety Standard	First Aid	Terrain Guidelines	Group Size	Business Licence Stipulation ¹	
Traction Kiting	Lakes	IGA Basic	Instructor with IKO (International Kiteboarding Organization) or Professional Air Sports Association (PASA) or equivalent organization	Standard 1 st Aid (including CPR)	Within Scope of the IKO guidelines	2 students to 1 guide	At least one guide in each group must carry equipment capable of emergency communication.	
New Activities	Eg. Via Ferrata, Canopy Tours, etc		To be assessed against approp A stand-alone environmental a identified an		Wildlife safety and local reporting protocols			





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- In the case of a certification earned abroad, the holder will have to acquire an equivalence / recognition from the appropriate organization among those listed above
- To have a new activity listed in this table or to obtain Parks Canada recognition for a Canadian certification body, contact a member of Visitor Service, Safety, and Activities Team in the Visitor Experience Branch.
- The list of recognized organizations is subject to regular review, based on needs and demands
- Parks Canada employee acting as guide and having responsibilities comparable to those of a third party guide, should meet the requirements of guides holding business licence at the site.
- For more information, contact us at: activites-activities@pc.gc.ca







PART V: GUIDE IDENTIFICATION APPLICATION FORM MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARKS

Legal Name of Business									
Operating Name									
Mailing Address									
Contact Name		Email							
Phone		Cell							
Guide Name (First & Last)	Summer	Winter	Type of Guided Activity	ID#					
I,(Name)	(Position	,	(Company 1						
do hereby confirm that the following employees are con Canada Agency requirements and in the Mount		pacity of G	uides, as outlined below,	ce with Parks					
Authorized Licensee Signature	_			(Date)					
For Apprentice Guides - Name of Supervising Guide(s):									
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Return completed & signed application form to the Business Licensing Office Chelan Egilson / guidelicences-permispourguide@pc.gc.ca									
Office Use Only: Licence is valid in ☐ Jasper ☐	Banff	nay 🗌 Yoho	☐ Waterton ☐ Mt. Revelstoke ☐	Glacier					
Guide Card Issue Date:			Issued By:						
Total Received (\$8.25 per guide):		Licence I	Expiry Date:						

