

Update on Outdoor Activity

1. The Award delivery in Aotearoa, at all times, follows 'in country' advice and mandates.
2. At present this presents as vaccinated entry/participation only to DOC campsites and huts, and to Award Activity Providers
3. The Ministry of Education is presently reviewing its guidelines, health order and prospective legislation. This is expected to be made public by 4 February 2022. The health order will be posted here <http://www.pco.govt.nz/covid-19-legislation/> and in the Leaders Bulletin. We suggest discussing vaccination requirements with Accredited Award Providers before booking any journeys with the,
4. This is the what was provided in this week's Leaders Bulletin:

Education outside the classroom: Offsite options

With careful planning, education outside the classroom (EOTC) activities can go ahead at Red.

By 4 February we anticipate that public health orders will be in place so that EOTC providers will be able to offer curriculum-related activities/services to a registered school that does **not require** all children to be **vaccinated** (even if require this from other users of their facilities).

This means the provider will need to meet a number of conditions, such as:

- working with a registered school to deliver curriculum-related activities
- the activity is in a defined space (sole use of part or all of a setting/venue for the period the service is provided)
- staff delivering the service are vaccinated.

The provider will essentially be treated as a school premise while the EOTC activity is taking place.

Guidance is also being developed to support the EOTC provider to meet anticipated legislative requirements. We will provide you with this information as soon as it becomes available.

5. The Award has previously published Adaptations for continuing the Award under COVID and these remain in place whilst the country is at Traffic Light RED. There is a link to this Guidance on the Award website <https://dofehillary.org.nz/covid-19?src=nav> . The primary points that relate to the Adventurous Journey are:
 - Adventurous Journeys may be organised in a familiar environment
 - It is permitted for participants to use a home, or venues such as a school gym, as accommodation during Adventurous Journeys

- This is the Full set of Guidance published in this week's journal
<https://bulletins.education.govt.nz/bulletin/he-pitopito-korero/issue/covid-19-update-25-january-2022>
- 6. The Award will continue to publish and provide information and guidance as it becomes available or changes. A newsletter to all Award leaders will be delivered Wednesday 2 February.
- 7. All Award Units are to continue to operate in accordance with their Safety Management Systems and the Award leader has the ultimate responsibility for approval of activity and sign offs.
- 8. As always contact the National Office with any questions you have.

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