

Certificate in Ski Patrol Student Application Questionnaire

Name: _____

Please answer the following questions, to the best of your ability, in your own handwriting. There are no right answers for these questions. The purpose is to give us an insight into your level of prior learning as it relates to this program.

1. What training/experience have you had in the following subjects? Please include what skills you have acquired.

Customer Service:

Risk Identification:

First Aid:

Communications:

Alpine skills and or rope work:

2. What experience have you had in Ski Area Operations?

3. What outdoor experience have you had (state the years involved and the depth of experience and level of responsibility?)

A) Work based _____

B) Recreational _____

4. Why do you wish to be considered for this programme?

5. What special strengths will you bring to this programme?

6. What are your weaknesses?

7. How would you describe your character?

8. What have you done that shows you have the dedication and time management skills needed to complete a full time programme of study?

9. On a scale of 1 to 5 indicate how confident you are working in a group environment?

Very confident 1 2 3 4 5 *Not confident*

10. On a scale of 1 to 5 indicate how well you relate and communicate with others?

Very confident 1 2 3 4 5 *Not confident*

11. **Further Education**

List any tertiary or other courses taken and state the level of achievements or certificates.

12. **Employment Record**

Please state any part time and/or full time employment you have had (including holiday work, work-based training, and voluntary work).

Employer's Name	Employer's Phone	Type of Work	Full time or part time	Period	
				From	To

13. Do you have any difficulties with learning e.g. remembering instructions, reading or writing? (We can provide you with assistance)

Yes No

If yes, please provide details (which will be kept confidential):

14. What are your hobbies/interests?

15. Have you been convicted of a criminal offence in the last ten years, or are you currently being processed for a criminal offence?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details: _____

16. Referees

Please provide the names of two referees who may be contacted by us. **(We prefer people who can give feedback on your work experience, study skills and/or teamwork abilities.)**

Name: _____

Relationship to referee: _____

Telephone: Day: (0) _____ Night: (0) _____

Name: _____

Relationship to referee: _____

Telephone: Day: (0) _____ Night: (0) _____

Declaration

I certify that the details given on this form are correct, were written by myself and that if accepted for this programme I will observe such rules and conditions as may be required by Tai Poutini Polytechnic

Signature: _____

Date: _____

17. **Personal Assessment of Skiing and Boarding Ability**

[If you ski and ride answer for both]

Describe your ability as a skier

On Piste Conditions - tick one box only

Expert Strong Intermediate Intermediate Beginner

Off Piste Conditions - tick one box only

Expert Strong Intermediate Intermediate Beginner

Describe your ability as a snow boarder

On Piste Conditions - tick one box only

Expert Strong Intermediate Intermediate Beginner

Off Piste Conditions - tick one box only

Expert Strong Intermediate Intermediate Beginner

18. Please ensure you have attached the following:

Yes No Current first aid certificate

Yes No Proof of unit standards 6402, 6401, 6400 or 26551 and 26552

Yes No Supporting evidence from an NZIA instructor of Level 5 ability

Yes No NCEA Level 2 Maths and English documentation

Yes No Proof of being 18 years of age or over e.g. birth certificate of passport

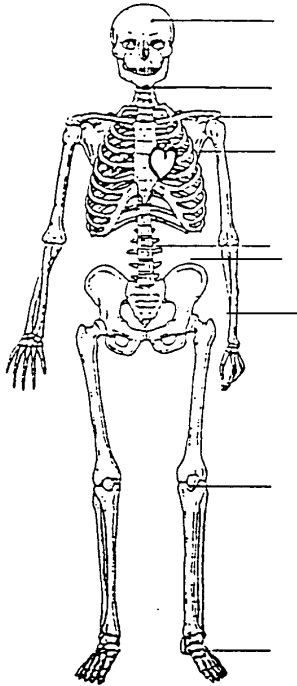
Yes No If English is your second language, supporting evidence that you meet IELTS level 5.5.

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Programme: _____

Please read this carefully: Medical conditions do not necessarily prevent you from participation in our programme. In the interest of safety could you please indicate with a tick (✓) if you have ever suffered from, or do suffer from any of the following.

Injuries to:



- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Head | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neck | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder/Arm | <input type="checkbox"/> Claustrophobia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart | <input type="checkbox"/> Haemophilia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spine/Back | <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies (bee stings, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pelvis/Hip | <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wrist | <input type="checkbox"/> Episodes of depression, anxiety or breakdowns. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (e.g. serious illness, operation or injury) |

- | |
|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ankle |

- I have trouble :**
- | |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking English |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming/Floating |

I consider my health to be:

- | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good | <input type="checkbox"/> | Restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Reasons why: _____

Are you on any medication? (If so, please state.)

Are you allergic to anything? (If so, please state)

In case of emergency who should be contacted?

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone: Day (0) _____ Night (0) _____

Mobile Phone _____

From time to time the programme will be remote from immediate hospital or medical care. By signing this form you are giving consent to receive medical treatment from the tutor(s) and/or medical personnel in an emergency situation. You are also allowing your medical information to be supplied to all tutors employed to teach you on the programme. This information will otherwise be treated as confidential.

FITNESS DECLARATION

It is the responsibility of the student to maintain his/her personal fitness at the level required to participate in all practical components of the programme. This is a Health and Safety requirement, not only for the individual concerned, but also for staff and other students in the group.

Failure to maintain fitness at the required level will result in the Polytechnic withdrawing the student from those practical components of the programme wherein the student’s lack of fitness poses a safety risk. Such withdrawal will not entitle the student to any fee refund.

I agree to the above conditions of entry to outdoor recreation programmes.

Name: _____
(Please print)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

By signing this form, I acknowledge that there are inherent risks involved in the outdoor activities I will be participating / training in whilst studying outdoor pursuits programmes at Tai Poutini Polytechnic. I understand that Tai Poutini Polytechnic will take all practicable steps possible to ensure my safety, however my safety cannot be absolutely guaranteed.

DECLARATION

I certify that the details given on this form are correct and that, if accepted for this programme, I will observe such rules and conditions as may be required by Tai Poutini Polytechnic.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SHARING OF CONTACT INFORMATION

I consent to my contact details (as showing below) being given to other students enrolled in the Ski Patrol programme by the staff of the Mountain Education Centre or Tai Poutini Polytechnic, so that we may contact each other to arrange accommodation, transport, etc.

I **do** consent I do **not** consent

Please fill in the box below if you consent to the above.

Name: [please print]			
Current Address:			
Land line:		Cell phone:	
Skype Name: (if available)			
Signature:		Date:	

PLEASE REMOVE THIS SECTION AND KEEP FOR YOUR OWN USE
STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

Please do not purchase until accepted onto the programme.

General Notes:

Ski patrol students usually own some ski related equipment and some items can be purchased second hand. This means individual spend on equipment can vary considerably. For this reason prices are not included in this document.

Links and suppliers shown below are indicating examples to help you (rather than recommendations). Seek out well informed and knowledgeable staff in reputable shops for additional advice. Some known suppliers in the Southern Lakes region are Mount Outdoors, R & R Sports, Outside Sports, Small Planet, Racers edge, Katmandu and Element. Some of these retailers offer a 10% discount to MECNZ students who show their student Tai Poutini Polytechnic ID card. Usually this discount situation is pre set up by the tutors as a privilege for students, not a right. There are equipment and clothing deals to be gained through internet shopping (Canada and USA). In late May or early June each year, both Wanaka and Queenstown ski clubs hold a second hand ski gear sales. (Note a set of skis will be required by mid May.)

When students arrive on campus, tutors will “show and tell” their own ski patrol equipment and discussions can be held about various equipment purchase options.

www.avalanche.ca/cac/gear/overview is a good beginning to Google for general gear information.

Date needed by	Item	Requirements and helpful notes	Additional comments
27 Feb	Texts	Staying alive in avalanche terrain. Author Bruce Tremper, published by The Mountaineers books.	MECNZ will supply
27 Feb		NZ Guidelines to Weather, Snow pack and Avalanche Observations.	MECNZ will supply
19 Mar		Outdoor Emergency Care: 5th edition (Authors McNamara, Johe and Endly).	MECNZ will supply for period of the programme
19 Mar	Alpine clothing	Storm proof over pants (patrollers wear black and (if possible) it is their preference you do when you are on work placement) and jacket, hat, gloves, thermal layering (no cotton)	Student to provide
19 Mar	Tramping or alpine boots	Sturdy boot with soles suitable for steep and slippery snow and ice conditions. Sorrells are OK if in good order. Crampon capability is a plus but not necessary.	Student to provide
19 Mar	Alpine kit	Head torch, multi tool or knife, whistle and watch (needs to read seconds).	Student to provide
19 Mar	First aid kit	MECNZ will have this ready for you on campus.	MECNZ will supply
20 Mar	Camping gear	Term One starts with an overnight camp, so sleeping mats, bags and usual camp gear is needed. Arrange with other students re shared tents and cooking equipment etc.	Student to provide
Mid April	Compass	The more expensive ones can be used as an inclinometer as well, but a basic one will be fine	Student to provide
Mid April	Avalanche transceiver	Any leading brand (Tracker, Barryvox, Artovox, Pieps). Safety consequences mean we do NOT recommend using a second hand transceiver.	http://beaconreview.com/transceivers/
Mid April	Collapsible avalanche probe	Any leading brand. Minimum of 2.4 meters long. Can get a 3 meter one if you want. Good features include fast to put together and ruler measures along its length (10cm increments is OK).	Student to provide

End April	Collapsible snow shovel	Any leading brand. No small plastic “teaspoons”. Some have extendible handles which are OK to have but not compulsory. Some have snow saws inside the handle.	Student to provide Black diamond etc
End April	Snow profile kit	Grain grid, magnifying loupe (x10), snow thermometer, two metre folding builder’s ruler	MECNZ will supply
		10 metres of 2mm nylon cord Ideal but not compulsory are an inclinometer and a 10cm wide soft paintbrush Small bunch coffee stirring sticks	Student to provide Mitre 10 or other hardware stores sell the nylon cord
End April	Snow profile note book	MECNZ will have this ready for you on campus. It will cost you approximately \$15.00	MECNZ will supply
End April	Snow saw	This item is optional but preferable. 30 cm blade. Ski and Alpine shops sell them or.... a pruning saw kept in protecting bag will do	Ski shop or... Mitre 10 or other hardware stores
End April	Water proof notebook	MECNZ will have this ready for you on campus. It will cost you approximately \$20.00	MECNZ will supply Student to pay
Mid May	Skis	The cheapest option is one set of skis with “hybrid” bindings. These “hybrids” are robust for ski area downhill skiing mode but are heavier and have less heel lift than regular touring bindings (i.e. not as good (as regular touring bindings) for multi day back country ski touring or more challenging terrain). Otherwise have one set each of downhill and touring skis. Also a pair of “rock hoppers” is a plus for thinner snow packs. E.g. early season Treble Cone access and/or during work placement. Treble Cone is steep with chutes and lots of moguls so all-mountain carving skis work well.	e.g. Marker Dukes etc Student to provide (sometimes last year’s students have them to sell)
Mid May	Touring skins	Must be correct fit for touring skis (a clip over system at the back end of the ski is better than one requiring tape to hold them on)	Student to provide
Mid May	Ski Poles	They are work tools and get treated roughly. Many ski patrollers remove the straps for safety whilst working	Student to provide
Mid May	Ski Boots	Ideally one pair of both downhill and ski touring. Note Ski touring boots are NOT worn with downhill bindings (safety issue).	Student to provide
Mid May	OR Snowboard	An additional “rock hopper” board is a plus	Student to provide
Mid May	Snow shoes		Student to provide
Mid May	Snowboard boots		Student to provide
Mid May	Day pack	35 - 40 litre. Needs to be robust, water proof and/or bag lined and include compartments for collapsible probe and shovel. External for the shovel is best (keeps other things dry). Cactus makes a patrol specific pack. (Please don’t get one with a cross on it)	Cactus, Osprey, Macpack (sometimes last year’s students have them to sell) Student to provide
Pre winter	Repair Kit	Narrow gauge, so easily hand bendable - approx. 2 metres, Spare screws for <u>your</u> bindings and Spare basket (if carrying poles)	Student to provide