

Pest Free Warrant Application Form

Hauraki Gulf Islands / Tīkapa Moana o Hauraki

A Pest Free Warrant (PFW) covers the biosecurity standards for commercial vessels, tourism operators, and aircraft visiting islands, whether they are anchoring within 1 nautical mile, docking at a wharf, or landing on a Hauraki Gulf Island..

The Auckland Regional Pest Management Plan 2020–2030 requires all commercial transport operators to obtain and maintain a Pest Free Warrant. This helps reduce the risk of pests spread to the Hauraki Gulf islands.

There is no fee for Pest Free Warrant accreditation. Free training and support are available to help businesses achieve and maintain their warrant.

1. Application Type (required)

- ☐ Renew existing Pest Free Warrant
- ☐ New operator
- ☐ Change of ownership – new owner of a business with a Pest Free Warrant
- ☐ Previously exempt business – Pest Free Warrant now required
- ☐ Changes to current Pest Free Warrant (e.g. register a new boat)

2. Business Details

Select the type of business owner:

- ☐ Sole trader or private individual
- ☐ Company, Trust, or Limited Partnership registered with NZBN (please supply number)
- ☐ Business Partnership between two or more individuals
- ☐ School, charity, or local government body

Applicant Details:

Company / Organisation Name: _____

Trading as: _____

Contact Person: _____

Role / Position: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Postal Address for correspondence: _____

How do you want to receive your Pest Free Warrant?

☐ Email ☐ Post

3. Operation Type

Select the types of operations that best describe your fleet activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger ferry / charter vessel | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial fishing operator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water taxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Freight / cargo transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism operator | <input type="checkbox"/> Mooring operator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kayak / waka/ Jet Ski operator | <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation operator (heli/plane) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ | |

4. Vessel(s) Details (please list all vessels)

Number of vessels: _____

Vessel name(s): _____

Type of vessel(s): _____

Length of vessel(s) in metres: _____

Location(s) of vessel(s): _____

Storage location(s):

☐ Berth ☐ Mooring ☐ Trailered

☐ Other: _____

Do you intend to land on any of the islands or use a wharf within the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area, including Waiheke, Aotea / Great Barrier, and/or Rakino Island, as part of your operation?

☐ Yes ☐ No (only Anchoring within 1 nautical mile)

5. Islands Visited

Please tick all islands your operation visits, lands on, or anchors within 1 nautical mile of:

☐ Rangitoto ☐ Motutapu ☐ Motuihe ☐ Rotoroa ☐ Kawau

- ☐ Motukorea ☐ Tiritiri Matangi ☐ Kawau ☐ Rakino
☐ The Noises ☐ Waiheke ☐ Aotea ☐ Mokohinau Islands
☐ Hauturu / Little Barrier ☐ Other

Please note: if you intend to land on any Department of Conservation wharves you may require a DOC permit.

Does your operation transport high-risk goods?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Examples of high-risk goods include soil, gravel, sand, aggregate; potted plants, nursery stock, cuttings; mulch, compost, woodchip; building materials, timber, scaffolding; hay, straw, firewood; machinery or equipment carrying soil or seeds.

6. Biosecurity Practices: Do you currently have or do any of the following?

- ☐ Regular vessel/vehicle cleaning and inspection for rodents, ants, skinks, weeds, and soil
☐ Bait stations or traps on board
☐ Secure storage areas and checks of goods for pests before loading
☐ Procedures to manage high-risk goods
☐ Passenger and visitor biosecurity briefings (booking, signage, announcements, staff messaging, training, website information)
☐ Emergency reporting process for pest sightings

7. Declaration

I, the undersigned, confirm that:

1. I am authorised to make this application as the operator, or as a person with legal authority to act on behalf of the operator.
2. The information supplied in this application is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
3. I have read, understood, and will carry out the biosecurity measures required as conditions of obtaining a Pest Free Warrant.

Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

8. What Happens Next

Email this form to: pestfreewarrants@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Once your application is received, we will contact you to arrange an appointment to inspect and assess your operation.

You will be given at least two weeks' notice before the inspection.

The inspection assesses:

- how well you apply biosecurity measures to your operation.
- how well you communicate biosecurity requirements to your customers.

If you successfully meet all biosecurity requirements at the initial inspection, you will receive a Pest Free Warrant valid for 12 months. You will need to apply for renewal each year.

Please note: the warrant is subject to random auditing inspections by an Authorised biosecurity officer during the year to check compliance.

If a vessel is sold, you **must** notify Auckland Council.