

NOLS Instructor Course

APPLICATION Packet

New Zealand Instructor Course

There are separate applications for other types of NOLS instructor course

We must receive the following at NOLS New Zealand before we will review your application:

1. The Instructor Course **application form** (pages 3 and 4.)
2. Replies to the **Questionnaire** (page 2.)
3. Three **Letters of Recommendation** (pages 5-7.) It is your responsibility to ensure these have been sent to us.
4. A **photocopy** of your First Aid and CPR certifications.
5. A certified copy of a passport, birth certificate proving NZ or Australian citizenship or proof of permanent resident status in NZ or Australia (*signed by a JP, Solicitor or local police*)

Applications including letters of recommendation are due May 30, 2010

Send to:

IC Applications
NOLS New Zealand
276 Blakes Road
Templeton
RD 6 Christchurch
7676
Fax: (+64) (3) 348 6659
Phone: (+64) (3) 348 6657

We will notify applicants if they have a place on the course by June 31, 2010

Scholarships

NOLS does have a pool of money it uses to assist applicants with the cost of Instructors courses. Scholarship support for this instructors course is already built into the tuition amount however, to encourage local New Zealanders and Australians to take part. Unlike other IC's the New Zealand Instructors Course (NIC) is heavily subsidized. The actual tuition cost of this IC is NZ\$2600 but the cost to successful applicants will be NZ\$800.

Medical/First Aid Training Requirements and Information

- **You must possess current CPR and Wilderness training to our minimum standard to work as a NOLS Instructor**
- **Our minimum standard:** a current **wilderness** medicine or remote first aid certification that has at least **72** hours of instruction in addition to at least a basic adult CPR certificate with 4 hours of instruction.
- **If you are not certified** in first aid at our minimum standard please send us what certifications you do have. As most outdoor educators in NZ or Australia do not hold Wilderness First Responder (WFR) or equivalent, we will accept applicants who hold at least 16 hours of advanced or outdoor first aid within the last two years in addition to current CPR. *In this case you must take the Wilderness First Responder course that runs immediately before the instructors course or take an equivalent course before the NIC.*
- The New Zealand **Pre-hospital Emergency Care** (PHEC) or **Outdoor First Aid** (NZQA Unit 424) qualification, and the Australian **Leaders Wilderness Advanced First Aid** (LWAFSA) do not meet the NOLS requirements as they do not give you sufficient training to implement the NOLS field and drug protocols. This is also the case with basic urban ambulance certification or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) qualifications.
- Contact the NOLS New Zealand office if you have questions. (+64) 3 348 6657 or email new_zealand@nols.edu

NOLS Instructor Course Application Questionnaire

The IC Application Review Team's objective is to gain a clear picture of you and your experiences. Please be candid and share yourself with us. The success or failure of your application rests mostly on your ability to put yourself, your skills, and your experience on paper.

1. What three personal goals do you want to attain through your participation on the NOLS Instructor Course?
2. What will be the easiest aspect of the course for you? The most difficult? What do you most look forward to? If applicable, please share a fear/anxiety you have about the IC with us.
3. Do you want to work for NOLS? How much each year will you be available? Will you be available to work for NOLS after your IC? What specific dates will you be available?

Please provide detailed information regarding your background in each of the following areas (questions 4 - 10).

Some of your answers to these questions will undoubtedly overlap with each other. Feel free to cross reference your answers, e.g.: "... I gained additional leadership experience on the trip in Kahurangi NP in '98 (mentioned in #6)..." - or - "...my third season at Canyon Adventures (see #5 and resume), I was a member of the staff training team..."

4. **Prior experience as student or trainee in outdoor education:** List any prior outdoor education courses or trips you have participated in as a student, participant, or trainee. Mention the name of the company / program, the year of the course / trip, # of days / weeks involved, etc. Please include a brochure if it will help us understand your experience.
5. **Prior experience as employee working in outdoor education:** List all jobs you've held in the field. Include summer camps, outing programs, guiding, etc. Mention the name of the company / program, the year(s), # of days / weeks worked, responsibilities you held, etc. Please include a brochure if it will help us understand your work.
6. **Personal Expeditioning** (Private trips with friends, not associated with any institution or outdoor programme): Please list all backpacking, snow camping, ocean travel, river travel, etc. Include year and length of trips, locations, whether it was on or off trail, your role in leadership, planning and logistics, etc.
7. **Technical Skills/Experience:**
 - **Climbing:** Includes mountaineering, rock climbing, and snow and ice climbing. List some (or all) of the routes you've led or followed, peaks you've climbed, etc. Describe your role (follower, leader, guide) on these climbs. What level (e.g. 14, 18, MC Alpine 3+, WI4, etc) do you comfortably lead traditional rock routes, etc. Please make a distinction between what you can climb on bolts vs. what you can climb on natural pro ("traditional" or "trad") Please use accepted NZ, Aus or US grading systems and identify which system you are using). Have you taught or guided climbing before? If so, please give us details: name of school / guide service, your past training, how much you've taught, etc.
 - **Whitewater River:** Canadian canoeing, kayaking, oar and paddle rafting. Include what class water you comfortably paddle / guide / row in each different water craft, the names of rivers / runs you've floated, number of trips per river / run you've taken, the difficulty of these runs, the distance in kilometres / number of days per trip, and your role in these trips. If you could put most of this information into a river log format, it would be very helpful.
 - **Sailing:** Types and lengths of boats sailed, duration of trips and your position (skipper / crew.) Explain your navigational experience and experience under power. List any sailing certifications that you possess.
 - **Outdoor Industry Qualifications:** Please list any outdoor industry certifications you may have and their level (e.g. NZOIA / MSC Bush 1, ORCA Whitewater and Canoe Level 1, etc)
 - **Other skill areas taught at NOLS - sea kayaking, backcountry skiing, horse packing, caving:** As applicable to these skill areas, include details such as: your skill level in the various activities, the # of years / # of trips you've participated, the length of trips in days, the location and difficulty of trips, and your role on trips.
8. **Other Skills/Experience:** List any experience with natural sciences, natural history, human history, hunting, fishing, snorkeling, public policy / wildland management, environmental activism, non-English languages, foreign travel, etc.
9. **Teaching, Leadership and Communication:** List experience teaching and leading groups, teaching one-on-one, working with the public, and any training you've had with group dynamics or communication.
10. **Risk Management:** Please tell us some stories - give two or three examples of your experience with hazard evaluation, risk management, and individual and group assessment and management. Please identify if you were in a solo or shared leadership position. We want one of your examples to be from a situation in which you learned a lesson from a mistake you or the group made - if you want to tell us about lessons learned on your worst epic, please do so. We value a candid approach and the ability to learn from situations.

Please attach a detailed outdoor resume and an instructional log. Though somewhat redundant to the above, these will help us sort out details and clarify some jobs or dates.

Parent Information: Providing this information is optional.

Mother (Mrs., Ms., Dr.) _____

Address/phone is the same as the student's permanent address.

If not, address:

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Wk ph.(____) ____ - ____ Hm ph.(____) ____ - ____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Title _____

Father (Mr., Dr.) _____

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Person to Notify in Case of Emergency: *All applicants must identify a person to contact in case of emergency.*

Name: _____ Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

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Street _____

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State _____

Zip _____

Relationship to applicant: (Please circle one) Parent Spouse Partner Other relative Friend Guardian
Employer

Application Agreement:

I have read, understand, accept, and agree to abide by the rules, policies and guidelines set forth in the NOLS catalog or the NOLS website <http://www.nols.edu/apply/safety.shtml> I understand that I am not accepted on my course until all enrollment forms have been received and approved by NOLS. I give permission for NOLS to use my name, address, and picture in promotional materials and press releases.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

For Office Use Only:

Student Name: _____

Course: _____

Code: _____

APID#: _____

NOLS Instructor Course Application *Letter of Recommendation Form*

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(Feel free to write or type on this form, extend your comments onto the back of this form, or send a separate document.)

Confidentiality: The information provided will not be made available to the applicant unless you specifically authorize us to do so in writing.

Name of Applicant

Date

1. What is your relationship to this person?
2. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rank the candidate's overall performance?
3. What are the candidate's greatest strengths? Areas for improvement?
4. How would you describe the candidate's work relationships with other managers, peers or supervisors?
5. Please comment on the candidate's attendance, dependability and work ethic.
6. How does the candidate respond to stressful situations?

If you have employed the candidate in the field of outdoor recreation please answer the following questions.

1. Please comment on this person's outdoor, risk management, teaching, and leadership skills. What populations has this person worked with?
2. Is the candidate eligible for rehire? YES NO

If there are any other qualities about this person or areas for growth that you feel we should know of, please comment.

Your Name_____

Signature_____

Address_____

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