

## Oversnow permits policy

Policy number: TES003

### Why we have this policy.

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To clearly define and structure entitlements to oversnow permits during the declared winter season.

### Who and what does this policy apply to?

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This policy applies to business operators, stakeholders and any others requiring the use of oversnow vehicles in the Mt Hotham Alpine Resort during the declared winter season.

### Definitions.

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MHSC - Mt Hotham Skiing Company

MHAR - Mt Hotham Alpine Resort

ROPS – Roll Over Protection System

### Key principles.

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All oversnow vehicles must hold an oversnow permit to operate within the resort boundaries.

### Policy details.

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It is a specific policy of MHAR to limit the number of oversnow vehicles in the resort and ensure that use of oversnow vehicles relates specifically to business, emergency services and resort/ski field operations to manage risk, preserve the ambience of the village and encourage pedestrian engagement.

Annual Oversnow vehicle permits are available to Mt Hotham commercial operators and emergency vehicles only if it is essential for the operation of the applicant's business.

Permit approval is made prior to each snow season by the oversnow driver trainer and The Senior Manager of Resort Operations, via an application procedure (Procedure number:GE008 Oversnow Permits)

Vehicles must be registered with VicRoads.

The permit holder must hold insurance that covers them for public liability and property in the case of an oversnow vehicle accident.

4x4s must be fitted with ROPS.

Submissions for permits to operate in the ski field leased area will be assessed in conjunction with the General Manager Operations of the MHSC.

Permits are issued with conditions specific to the business including authorised vehicles, authorised drivers, permitted times and areas (zones), as well as the general conditions for over-snow vehicle operation listed on Procedure number:GE008 Oversnow Permits.

Permit holders are issued 2 permit stickers per permitted vehicle, that must be visibly displayed on the vehicle.

Complimentary oversnow permits are provided to emergency vehicles (CFA, VicPol, SES).

Commercial operators are required to pay the oversnow permit fee. (2023 rate: \$40.00 per vehicle)

Oversnow permits must be issued prior to operating the vehicle.

A Fine of 20 penalty units applies for operating an oversnow vehicle without a permit and noncompliance with the conditions. (The value of a penalty unit is prescribed by the Crimes Act 1914 and is currently \$275 for offences committed on or after 1 January 2023. 20 units = \$5500)

### **Oversnow vehicle driver training requirements**

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All drivers of oversnow vehicles are required to hold a current driver's licence and complete a training course before they are eligible to operate an oversnow vehicle within the resort. For an operator to stay active training must be renewed in three (3) years' time and after that every five (5) years.

(2023 cost per operator to attend the MHAR oversnow course is \$60.00. There is no fee for the written refresher course.)

Three organisations are authorised to conduct oversnow training at Mount Hotham.

- Mount Hotham Alpine Resort – Available to all resort operators.
- Victoria Police Force – Internal training of Police personnel only.
- Mt Hotham Skiing Company – Internal training of their own staff and any operators who utilise snow mobiles for venues that are leased from MHSC.

### **Associated key documents**

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Alpine Resorts (Management) Act 2020.

Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009.

SOP GE008 Oversnow Permits.

### **Policy Review Register**

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