

Rainbow Ski Area Concession Application

Additional information for the concession application

The following additional activities need to be included in the application for the licence for Rainbow Ski Area.

Search and Rescue (SAR) and NZ Police

Rainbow will provide access for SAR and the NZ Police all year round up the mountain road. Access is available by request either through DoC or Rainbow. In each case both parties should be notified.

In the event of an emergency, no notification is required, and the key is available from the local DoC office at St. Arnaud.

Bus transport

The buses are owned by a third party with Rainbow leasing and running the buses daily during the ski season and employing the drivers.

All buses are the same make and model –Mitsubishi Fuso 4WD, 3.74 tonne (TARE) weight, and seat 21 passengers. All buses are at NZTA standard, have current COFs, registration and current road user kilometres. They comply with the Ski Area Association of NZ, (SAANZ), standards. All drivers carry the appropriate licenses and receive in house training on a seasonal basis. Each bus undergoes a daily check by the driver. Each month during the winter season a workshop maintenance check is undertaken by the Rainbow mechanic.

Rainbow runs the buses up and down the mountain road from the bottom carpark to the top carpark daily. During the week this is primarily for transporting school children to the ski field. In the weekends the shuttles are available for transporting all visitors to the ski area. This means those without a suitable vehicle and accessories, (chains) and skills to drive the mountain road can safely access the ski area and mountain. In addition, one bus transports staff to and from St. Arnaud on a daily basis.

Chains are always carried and used when required as determined by road conditions and the driver.



Figure 1: Typical bus



Figure 2: Interior of bus