



TRIP FALKLAND ISLANDS TOURISM RECOVERY INCENTIVE PROGRAMME

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY AS A TOURISM BUSINESS 2021-22

Businesses that participated in TRIP 2020-21

If a business was eligible to participate in TRIP in 2020-21, they will be eligible to participate in 2021-22. They may need to provide updated information to ITT, such as on tariffs.

The remainder of this guidance applies to any tourism business that did not participate in TRIP 2020-21, but now wishes to register for TRIP 2021-22. The substance of the guidance is unchanged from TRIP 2020-21.

General

The programme is for established tourism businesses, operating pre-pandemic. To be eligible a business will need to have operated as a tourism business, generating taxable revenues from tourism-related activities, for some part of the period 1 October 2019 – 31 May 2020.

If a business was listed on the FITB website for 2019/20, and meets these criteria, that will be taken as sufficient evidence of an established tourism business. Other businesses will need to provide evidence that they meet these criteria, which might include but is not limited to, dated invoices or dated correspondence with customers.

The definition of tourism business includes individuals who have operated effectively as a sole trader, or as a sub-contractor, as well as companies.

An identifiable tourism business is eligible for TRIP, even if it is part of a larger organisation that includes non-tourism businesses.

Tourism businesses of all sizes are eligible for TRIP. There is no minimum size and no maximum size. In this respect, the eligibility for TRIP may differ from other FIG Covid-19 support schemes.

Accommodation

All catered or self-catering accommodation listed on the FITB website will automatically be eligible to register for TRIP.

Accommodation not listed by FITB can apply if they can demonstrate that they were operating in the 2019/20 season.

Accommodation, food and experiences (eg. tours) offered by the accommodation provider are eligible costs. Vehicle hire as an additional service offered by accommodation providers in Camp, including the outer islands, is also an eligible cost. Alcohol sales, whether with meals or not, are not eligible.

Experiences, tours, and tour drivers

All drivers listed on the FITB website and operating in the 2019/20 season will automatically be eligible to register for TRIP.

Drivers not registered with FITB can apply, if they can demonstrate that they were operating in the 2019/20 season.

Drivers may register directly for TRIP, even if they were previously operating only as a sub-contractor for other businesses.

To register for TRIP, all drivers must demonstrate that they have valid Hire & Reward Vehicle Insurance for the 2021/22 season. A copy of the policy must be provided to FITB.

As above, the cost of tours operated by accommodation providers (eg. on several of the islands) is an eligible cost.

Food and non-alcoholic drinks provided as part of a tour or experience (eg. a packed lunch) is an eligible cost.

Eating Out

All cafes and restaurants (including pubs), in Stanley or in Camp, are eligible to register for TRIP as tourism businesses.

All cafes and restaurants listed on the FITB website will automatically be eligible to register for TRIP.

Only sales of food and soft drinks are eligible costs, whether consumed on the premises or for take away.

Alcohol sales are not eligible. Bulk catering, such as buffets provided for events or meetings, is not eligible.

Gift shops

Retail shops are eligible for TRIP if their primary business is to sell tourism-related gifts and merchandise.

Retail shops that are listed on the FITB website and meet the criteria above will automatically be eligible to register for TRIP.

Alcohol sales are not eligible for reimbursement, but non-alcohol sales are eligible at tourism businesses that also sell alcohol.

Landing fees

Landing fees alone cannot be reimbursed through TRIP, but charges made for tours and experiences that include landing fees as part of the cost are admissible.