

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPEDITIONS TO FREQUENTLY CLIMBED PEAKS IN CHILE

The authorization procedure for expeditions to frequently climbed peaks applies to all mountaineering and/or climbing expeditions carried out on prominent peaks located in Chile's Border Zone by persons who do not have their habitual residence in Chile.

Activities such as hiking, camping, skiing, mountain biking or motorcycling, horseback riding, and other activities unrelated to mountaineering or climbing do not require DIFROL authorization.

Expedition members must submit an application to DIFROL through the online Expedition Authorization system (<https://www.difrol.cl/tramites/expediciones/>). In the event of a justified technical difficulty, inquiries may be sent by email to infodifrol@minrel.gob.cl.

The mandatory information and personal data requested by DIFROL are safeguarded in accordance with current regulations. This information is used solely to allow Chilean authorities to quickly identify the user in the event of an accident or emergency, organize a rescue, and contact family members or close contacts in the user's country of origin.

Requirements for requesting authorization:

1. Submit the expedition plan sufficiently in advance of its starting date, namely at least 20 days before the expedition members enter Chile. This requirement is important for any coordination DIFROL may need to carry out with other agencies.
2. Submit the complete list of participants, indicating each person's name, nationality, passport number or identification document, and the country that issued it.
3. Provide the detailed itinerary of the peaks to be climbed or a precise description of the places to be visited along the route. For long traverses, attaching a map or sketch of the proposed route is recommended.
4. State the start and end dates of the activity at each site or peak.
5. Provide the applicant's address (street name and number, postal code, city, and country) and email address, whether the applicant is a member of the group or the expedition leader.
6. Provide the address (street, number, postal code, city, and country) and email address of a contact person in the country of origin who can be notified in the event of an emergency. The contact person must not be a participant in the expedition and must be readily reachable.

Useful information:

- a) DIFROL authorization is completely free of charge.
- b) Authorization may be subject to the condition that the mountaineering or climbing expedition be undertaken by at least two persons. Participants may also be required to have insurance covering rescue costs in the event of an emergency or special evacuation. Applicants assume responsibility for the risks inherent in the activity they intend to undertake, without any liability on the part of the State of Chile or any of its dependent institutions.

- c) Once authorization has been obtained and the expedition members are in the area where the activity will take place, they must report to or contact the Carabineros de Chile unit (national police) with jurisdiction over the area (www.carabinerosdechile.cl). This is so that the DIFROL permit can be verified; the start and end dates of the expedition and the routes to be followed can be recorded; the adequacy of the field equipment carried by expedition members for their safety can be checked; and appropriate recommendations or suggestions can be provided to help prevent accidents in isolated, open, and rugged terrain.
- d) Authorizations are subject to the condition that, at the time scheduled for the expedition, no natural emergencies or adverse weather conditions have occurred in the area that could endanger the physical safety of expedition members. If any such circumstance arises, DIFROL, the National Service for Disaster Prevention and Response - SENAPRED (www.senapred.cl) and/or the competent local authorities may order the suspension, postponement, or early termination of the expedition when they have information from SENAPRED or the Chilean Meteorological Directorate (www.meteochile.cl).
- e) The decision to undertake the climbs is the sole responsibility of the applicant expedition members. It is recommended to bear in mind that physical exertion at altitude is risky for persons whose health is not compatible with such activity.
- f) By applying for a DIFROL permit, applicants declare that they assume the risks inherent in the activity and accept the financial costs of any rescue operations required in an emergency, without subsequent liability for the State of Chile or its dependent agencies.