

# Mountaineering and Adventure Expeditions

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For this purpose, expeditioners must file an application, which can be sent directly to DIFROL through the Expedition Authorization system. In the event of experiencing technical difficulties, contact can alternatively be made via email to [infodifrol@minrel.gov.cl](mailto:infodifrol@minrel.gov.cl)

Requirements for applying for authorization:

1. Present the expedition plan well before its starting date: at least 20 days prior to entry to Chile. This requirement is important for any possible coordination DIFROL must make with other agencies.
2. Send the complete list of participants, indicating Name, Nationality, Passport Number, and Issuing Country of Passport.
3. Indicate the detailed itinerary of the summits to be climbed or make an accurate reference of the places to be visited along the route. In the event of long journeys, it is recommended to enclose a map or sketch of the route to be followed.
4. Inform the start and finish dates of the activity at each location or summit.
5. Indicate the address (Street, N°, Postal Code, City, and Country) and e-mail of the Applicant or Expedition Leader.
6. Indicate the address (Street, N°, Postal Code, City, and Country) and e-mail of a Contact Person in the country of origin, whom to notify in case of an emergency. The Contact Person must not be taking part in the expedition and must be reachable.

Useful information:

- a) The authorization can be conditional upon the mountaineering or climbing expedition being made by at least two persons. Similarly, expeditioners may be required to have insurance to cover rescue costs in case of emergency or special evacuation. The applicants assume responsibility for the risks of the activity that they will carry out, without any liability on the part of the Chilean State or of any dependent Institutions thereof.
- b) The authorization from DIFROL has no monetary cost.
- c) Upon obtaining said authorization and once the expeditioners are in the sector where the activity shall be carried out, they must go to or contact the uniformed police (Carabineros de Chile) unit having jurisdiction in the area ([www.carabinerosdechile.cl](http://www.carabinerosdechile.cl)), in order for Carabineros to verify the DIFROL authorization; to take note of the expedition's start and finish dates as well as the routes to be travelled, to learn the proper field equipment that the expeditioners must have to ensure their safety, and to provide recommendations or suggestions to the expeditioners that are relevant for preventing accidents.
- d) The authorizations are conditional upon that, at the planned time for the expedition, there have been no emergencies or adverse weather conditions in the area that might endanger the physical integrity of the expeditioners. Should one of these circumstances occur, then DIFROL, the Chilean National Office for Emergency ONEMI ([www.onemi.cl](http://www.onemi.cl)) and/or competent local authorities may give orders to suspend, postpone, or conclude the expedition when they have information from the latter or from the Chilean Meteorological Directorate ([www.meteochile.cl](http://www.meteochile.cl)).
- e) Responsibility for the decision to undertake climbs shall lie exclusively with the expeditioners. It is recommended to take into account that physical efforts at altitude are hazardous for individuals whose health conditions are incompatible with said activity.
- f) When obtaining the permit, the Applicants agree to assume the risks entailed by said activity, accepting the monetary costs of possible rescues in case of emergency, without further liability on the part of the Chilean State or of any dependent Institutions thereof.