

COOK ISLANDS QUALITY ASSURED STANDARDS & GUIDELINES

TRANSPORT SECTOR



SUB-SECTOR | TAXI

GOVERNANCE, COMPLIANCE AND REGULATION		
All Licences, Registrations and Certificates required by law are available on request	Yes	Nο
Your business complies with current accounting standards, is up to date with tax filing and record keeping	Yes	No
Your business complies with all Licence Conditions of the Minitry of Transport	Yes	No
All Annual Licences and Warrant of Fitness required by law are clearly posted	Yes	No
All drivers have a current valid D drivers licence and appropriate grade for vehicle type	Yes	No
Operators carrying passengers must have a valid transport license and passenger service license	Yes	No
Vehicles are to be smoke and alcohol free environments	Yes	No
Passengers plus driver do not exceed 8 people, as per the Transport Licensing Act	Yes	No
All vehicles have minimum 3rd Party Insurance with Passenger Risk Liability	Yes	No
Your business has a current Public Liability Insurance policy	Yes	No

CULTURE AND HERITAGE		
Management and staff understand the Kia Orana Values and guiding principles to foster authentic Cook Islands experiences	Yes	Nο
Encourage visitors and guests to purchase locally made products in the Cook Islands	Guidelir	ne
Showcase and promote Cook Islands culture and traditions by using one or more of the key components in your product or structures; artefacts, images, videos and visual art	Guidelir	ne
Management and staff use of 'Reo Maori' words to create awareness on the importance of the Cook Islands Maori language on the visitor experience	Guidelir	ne
Implement a cultural or community initiative that engage local partners to be a part of your business	Guidelir	ne
Promote the 'Pa Enua' experience and its distinctive features in upholding Cook Islands culture and heritage.	Guidelir	ne
Promote local gastronomy and culinary experiences	Guidelir	ne
Promote historical and cultural events for guests and customers to appreciate Cook Islands social practices, rituals, traditions, music, dance and performing arts	Guidelir	ne
Ensure cultural information provided to guests are well researched, appropriate and accurate	Guidelir	ne
Emulate Cook Islands culture through attire or presentation where applicable e.g. Kia Orana wear	Guidelir	ne

HUMAN RESOURCES		
All human resource matters must comply with all related labour, gender, human rights and tax laws	Yes	Nο
Recruitment of new staff must have an employment agreement and position description	Yes	No
Staff engagement and satisfaction should be measured as part of the performance management system	Guid	eline
Prioritise on the job training and development of staff to ensure the workforce is competently skilled	Guid	eline
A performance management framework or an appraisal system is available for staff to identify areas of strength and areas for development	Guid	eline

ENVIRONMENT	
All rubbish is collected, separated and correctly recycled	Yes No
All organic waste is composted (not burned)	Guideline
Electric vehicle (EV) options are available	Guideline

MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS		
All marketing material is a true representation of the establishment and facilities offered	Yes	No
Establish a marketing plan or strategy to ensure products and services are communicated through various channels to your business partners and consumers	Guide	eline
Foster business-to-business partnerships to build a strong supply chain	Guide	eline
Develop business-to-consumer platforms such as website and social media to reach to your consumers effectively	Guide	eline
Leverage media partners to create greater awareness for your business and should extend to non-traditional partners e.g. social influencers, bloggers, etc	Guide	eline
Promotions should incorporate elements of Cook Islands culture and heritage	Guide	eline

HEALTH, SAFETY AND SECURITY		
- GENERAL		
High standards of safety, cleanliness and hygiene is observed in all areas	Yes	No
High standards of safety, cleanliness and hygiene is observed within all vehicles	Yes	No
- FIRE, SAFETY & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES		
First Aid Kit and up to date Fire Extinguisher available within all vehicles	Yes	No

CUSTOMER SERVICE			
Manager or staff member available for contact during normal working hours	Yes	No	
Route rates are clearly posted in all vehicles	Yes	No	
There are no "destination" surcharges	Yes	No	
Taxi Symbol is displayed in an orderly and uniform location	Yes	No	
High standards of service to customers	Yes	No	
Establish and maintain a positive and ethical track record in the marketplace	(Guideline	
Ensure all staff complete the Kia Orana Customer Service course	(Guideline	

LEGEND:

Standard refers to the Yes | No questions - These are compulsory standards and must be met to suffice accreditation.

Guideline - These are a guideline for best practices only (you do not need to meet these but we would love for you to indicate whether you do or not)

DISCLAIMER:

These Standards and Guidelines are effective from 01 January 2023. This document was updated on May 2023. For any updates or changes, please contact Cook Islands Tourism Corporation.