

Information for KiwiNet responders

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Personal requirements

- Be physically fit and agile. Topography may include steep driveways, steep urban sections, etc.
- Good communication skills.
- Produce tidy paperwork i.e. clear and legible.
- Be a problem solver and arrive with a positive attitude.
- Be a team player. There may be a variety of tasks, or they may be repetitive.
- Be methodical.
- Be able to undertake field work for extended periods (eight to nine hours plus may be necessary) in all weather.
- Have competent map reading skills.
- A driver's licence may be necessary. A GPS is very handy.

It is good to have:

- Basic plant and/or pest identification skills. Plants which may need to be identified could include citrus, avocado, stonefruit, feijoa, berry plants, tomatoes, capsicums, banana palms, etc.
- A qualification such as Growsafe/Approved Handler may be required for some tasks. Note that you may need to make response management/team leaders aware that you have these qualifications.

Bring:

- Wet weather gear, sturdy footwear, and sunglasses.
- Identification. Issued IDs may need to be handed in at the end of each deployment.
- Bring enough clothes for a seven-day deployment and suitable for the climate and location. Include some casual/tidy clothes for when not deployed in the field as well as personal hygiene gear/medicines.
- A smartphone capable of downloading apps may be necessary for some tasks e.g. trapping, fruit collection.
- Phone chargers (power and car).
- Hats and high visibility vests (with a biosecurity response logo), sun protection, water, tea, coffee, lunch and snacks are provided. If you require additional water or snacks, please ask for them.



All participants in the response will receive:

- Confirmation the location of response headquarters, expected time of arrival and induction, accommodation and travel details and approximate length of stay.
- KVH contact information.
- Induction on arrival.
- On the job training.

You will be expected to:

- Sign in and out at field headquarters daily and ensure that a daily timesheet is accurately completed.
- Keep an accurate record of mileage and travel times.
- Be prepared to work with a range of people – you may not be working with colleagues from your organisation.

You must:

- Follow strict protocols re health and safety; media interaction; **confidentiality**; interacting with the community.
- Be drug and alcohol free. Note that there will be a smoking policy – smoking while out in the field, or on the street at field headquarters, may not be permitted.
- Have a cooperative attitude and, when required, patience. With any large operation, delays can occur; a tolerant attitude is required.
- If you experience down time, check with your response workstream manager whether there are any tasks that you can do.
- We need a **positive and welcoming attitude within the response team**. *Be a team player and bring a positive attitude!*

Your participation is very much appreciated by all. Your help will be a great contribution to stopping the spread of this pest.