

AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

Information Pages



ELIGIBILITY

All applicants are reminded that attendance at an International Scouting event is a privilege, not a right, and that behaviour standards will be monitored prior to the event before final approval is granted for attendance.

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| Youth Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Born between 14 July 1997 and 1 July 2009 inclusive (i.e. minimum age 14 years and maximum age 25 years).• An invested Scout, Venturer Scout or Rover Scout and have completed Outdoor Adventure Skills Camping Stage 4.• A minimum of ten (10) nights camping under canvas within Scouting, with at least three (3) of them consecutive.• Must be recommended as suitable to attend by your Group Leader and Region/District Section Commissioner and be approved by the Contingent Leader and your Branch Headquarters. |
| Adult Members | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registered members of your Branch as an Adult Leader or Fellowship Member.• Must be recommended as suitable to attend by your Group Leader or next appropriate level of Commissioner and be approved by the Contingent Leader and your Branch Headquarters.• Adult members will be selected to meet required quotas. |

COVID-19 NOTICE

The safety of all Scouting members is always our highest priority!

Scouts Australia and the Contingent Management Team look forward to a successful Contingent travelling to Switzerland, however, the current coronavirus pandemic obviously has the potential to have a significant impact on this event.

In preparation for any Contingent, the Australian International Team obtains the very latest updates and advice from the World Scout Bureau, our Travel Insurer and the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Should official advice ever change in the future, the International Commissioner of Australia will make an informed determination on cancelling Contingent travel to Switzerland when necessary.

If the Contingent is cancelled (e.g. on medical advice or due to border restrictions), Scouts Australia will provide a refund of all recoverable amounts paid.

APPLICATIONS

Applications open 1 November 2021 and close 31 January 2022.

Submitting an application is no guarantee of acceptance to attend KISC100 Australian Contingent. It is anticipated that this event will be oversubscribed – in this case, a selection process will be undertaken by the Contingent Management Team in February 2022. Those unsuccessful will have their initial deposit amount refunded.

Application questions will be asked to help assess applicants' suitability to join the contingent – please make sure you put some thought into these answers!

All applicants must register using the Australian Contingent's online application system, OLEMS.

<https://registrations.international.scouts.com.au>

An application is not considered complete until the authority is signed in your application form and your deposit has been received.

Adult numbers are limited to those required to support the Contingent. All adult applications will be assessed against the operational needs of the Contingent and the limit will be determined by the total number of youth participants.

CONTINGENT INCLUSIONS

The Contingent Fee includes all meals, accommodation, activities, flights from Australian capital cities and ground transportation between the date of departure from Australia and the date of return to Australia (independent travel options are being considered by the Contingent Management Team for members aged 18+ and may be available pending COVID-19-related circumstances).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Due Date	Youth Participants & Adult Leaders	Independent travel
Deposit	\$400	The option of independent travel is currently not being offered. This is under consideration by the CMT.
1 March 2022	\$590	
1 June 2022	\$1,000	
1 August 2022	\$1,000	
1 November 2022	\$1,000	
1 March 2023	\$1,000*	
TOTAL	\$4,990	

** Final payment amount subject to change. The amount will not be increased but may be decreased if budget savings allow.*

Payments more than one month late may result in withdrawal.

Applicants hoping to seek financial assistance of any kind are asked to please contact the Contingent Leader as soon as possible.

The Contingent reserves the right to refuse any application at any time, in which case a full refund will be made.

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

- Independent travel by participants under 18 years is not permitted.
- Adult Leaders must travel with the Contingent to satisfy minimum supervision of youth participants.
- Independent travel options are being considered by the Contingent Management Team for participants that are aged 18+ and may be available pending COVID-19-related circumstances.

OPTIONAL POST TOUR

Expressions of interest are being sought for an optional post tour in Germany. Based on interest, one or two tour options may be available. This will be fully costed prior to applications for the post tour opening.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Members choosing to withdraw from the Contingent must notify the Contingent Leader in writing as soon as possible. Since many expenses must be paid well before our departure, it is not possible to provide full refunds upon withdrawal. The following table highlights the amount of any refund payable.

Notification Received	Youth Participants & Adult Leaders
On or before 28 Feb 2022	Full Refund
1 Mar 2022 – 31 Jul 2022	Amount paid less \$500
1 Aug 2022 – 30 Nov 2022	Amount paid less \$1,500
1 Dec 2022 – 31 Jan 2023	Amount paid less \$2,500
1 Feb 2023 – 30 Apr 2023	Amount paid less \$3,500
On or after 1 May 2023	No Refund

CANCELLATION POLICY

If the Contingent is cancelled by Scouts Australia, this decision will be promptly communicated to all registered Contingent members. The following table highlights the amount of any refund payable.

Date of Cancellation	Refunds
On or before 28 February 2022	Full Refund
After 28 February 2022	Scouts Australia will refund all recovered funds. Non-recoverable expenses may include travel insurance, bank charges, international exchange fees, accounting license fees and expended contingent planning costs.

MEDICAL OBLIGATIONS

As part of your application you are required to disclose all medical conditions, medications, allergies, dietary requirements and mental health conditions that may impact your participation in the planned itinerary, together with any applicable Action Plans for these conditions. Failure to disclose any relevant information may result in you being withdrawn from the Contingent. Failure to disclose pre-existing conditions will invalidate your insurance coverage.

Should your medical situation or conditions change from the information you enter on your application, you will need to log back in and update this information immediately to ensure correctness and completeness.

Individuals are strongly encouraged to seek medical advice from their own medical practitioner with regard to any vaccinations and immunisations. Applicants should be aware that some airlines and some countries may require evidence of COVID-19 vaccination prior to departing Australia. Known restrictions will be advised once confirmed.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

There are some additional costs you need to account for including:

- obtaining a passport if you do not already have one;
- any visa costs that might be applicable based on your passport's country of issue (Australian passport holders do not need a visa);
- any spending money for souvenirs or incidental items;
- any additional optional activities.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All applicants are reminded that membership of this Contingent is a privilege, not a right, and that that behaviour standards will be monitored prior to the event before final approval is granted for attendance.

Participants not adhering to the Contingent or Centre rules during the event may be sent home at their expense. All Contingent members must accept and sign the terms & conditions agreement included in the application pack as a precondition of being accepted into the Australian Contingent.

CONTINGENT CONTACT DETAILS

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