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Department of Conservation

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Ranger (Amenities)

Location	Queenstown, Whakatipu-wai-māori/Queenstown District
Dates of Employment	October 2026 to May 2027
Salary	Salary range based on skills and experience is \$61,189 - \$67,446

Mō te tūranga | About the role

The Amenities work covers an area from the beginning of the Routeburn Track through to the Kawarau Gorge. Within this area there are many areas such as Reserves, Carparks, Toilets etc that are visited on a regular basis by the Heritage Visitor Team throughout the week. The work program is scheduled monthly.

The position is based out of Queenstown, and the successful applicant will report to the respective office each day. The Wakatipu/Queenstown District is in the West of the Southern and Eastern South Island Region. It comprises the Wakatipu Basin and part of Mount Aspiring National Park.

The district is home to some of the Departments premier day visitor tracks, through areas of some of the best scenery in the country. These, together with the mountains, lake and indigenous grasslands and forests provide settings for a nationally important tourism industry and a full range of recreational opportunities.

A large aspect of the role consists of driving to all our various Amenities Sites within the Wakatipu Area. Once at these sites work is carried out in the form of mowing lawns, cleaning toilets, spraying weeds, maintaining water supplies, fee collection/compliance (Campgrounds) etc.

Training is given for the use of mechanised machinery (ride on lawn mower, weed eater,) however it is preferable that the successful applicants may have previous experience. You may also be asked to assist in other aspects of Field Work with other Recreational/Historic/Bio Rangers and at times overnight in the Back Country (Pack and Sleeping Bag is required).

Key Tasks

- Amenity maintenance – lawn mowing, scrub bar use, toilet cleaning, weed spraying
- Assisting with back country work – hut resupply

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

- Use of weed eaters/scrub bars
- Weed spraying (knapsack 15ltr)
- Basic maintenance of small petrol driven engines
- Experience with operating small lawn tractors and mowers
- Applies use of practical maintenance skills
- Has a current First Aid certificate
- Has a current Full Driver's Licence
- Has a knowledge of field delivery work
- Has a knowledge of basic horticulture and garden maintenance work
- Applies effective use of desktop and hand-held computing devices and apps
- Back country experience ie tramping/mountaineering etc
- Traplines (Extensive network of Traps throughout the Wakatipu)

Mō te tīma | About the team/Location

The position will report to a Principal Ranger based in Queenstown who will set the standards/oversee the scheduled work/wellbeing of the Team. The permanent District Team is supported by temporary and seasonal staff. A large percentage of the Heritage and Visitor rangers reside in Glenorchy.

Additional Information

Roster: Monday to Friday from 8am till 4.30pm is the usual roster however weekend work or earlier start times maybe scheduled into the work program and Ranger personnel are expected to work during the Public Holidays that occur during their period of employment. (Includes Christmas Period).

Accommodation: Not provided

Me he pātai anō, whakapā mai | For further enquiries

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