

# 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.**