

PROCEDURE & PROCESS
ISSUANCE OF MOUNTAINEERING/TREKKING PERMITS FOR
GILGIT-BALTISTAN

a) Two types of Tourism Permits issued by Gilgit-Baltistan Council Secretariat in respect of foreign tourists for Peaks/Treks located in **Restricted Areas** of Gilgit-Baltistan:

- i. Climbing Permit
- ii. Trekking Permit

Note: No Trekking Permit is required from GB Council to visit **Open Areas** of Gilgit-Baltistan. All Peaks above 6500 Meter require Permit from GB Council whether in Open Area or Restricted Area.

b) Documents Required:

- All applications for climbers/trekkers in respect of foreign tourists for the Peaks/Treks located in Gilgit-Baltistan are submitted in Gilgit-Baltistan Council Secretariat through designated tour operators registered with Department of Tourist Services Government of Pakistan including 7 sets of following documents:
 - Application from tour operator on their letter head
 - Application form for mountaineering expedition
 - Name list of members of expedition
 - Route map of proposed peak/trek
 - Passport copies of members of expedition
 - Visa application form (duly filled) of foreign climbers/trekkers
 - CV of Expedition members
 - Copy of license of tour operator company

Procedure and Process:

- After receipt of complete application from tour Operator Company, the same is forwarded to concerned departments/agencies for obtaining requisite clearances.
- Time required: 4-6 weeks as per existing Pak Visa Regime

Royalty Fees:

- Depositing of Royalty Fees in Gilgit-Baltistan Council Account as per following detail:
 - National Bank of Pakistan S Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad Account # 1975-7
- i. Zero royalty fee for peak upto 6500-M
- ii. 10% royalty fee on mountains situated in Gilgit, and Ghizer except on Spantik/Golden Peak.
- iii. 05% royalty fee on all peaks during winter season (December-February)
- iv. 40% Discount on royalty fee on all peaks except as mentioned in (i) & (ii) above as detailed below:-

S. No.	Height of Mountain	Mountain Royalty Fee for the Year (Amount in US \$)	
		Full team of Seven members	Each Additional member
1.	K-2 (8611-M)	7200	1200
2.	8001-8500-M	5400	900
3.	7501-8000-M	2400	300
4.	7001-7500-M	1500	180
5.	6501-7000-M	900	120

- Depositing of Waste Management Fees in case the area located in Central Karakorum National Park (CKNP) in the account of CKNP as per following detail:
 - i. Habib Metropolitan Bank, Jutial Branch, Gilgit
 - ii. Account #: 6-02-86-20311-714-104814
 - iii. IBAN Account #: PK91MPBL0286027140104814
- **Environment Fee/Waste Management Fee** will be 68 US\$ for each member of mountaineering expedition.
- **Trekking Fee** will be 50 US\$ per person for one month for Treks situated in Restricted areas of Gilgit-Baltistan. However, 50 US\$ will also be charged as Environment Fee/Waste Management Fee per person for one month to be deposited in the account of CKNP as mentioned above.

Issuance of Climbing Permit:

- After receipt of all clearances from concerned departments, Gilgit-Baltistan Council Secretariat issues Climbing permit after completion of following codal formalities by the concerned tour operator:

- Depositing of prescribed royalty fee
 - Application to issue climbing permit
 - Expedition members insurance/ Undertaking by tour operator assuring rescue operation funds
 - Tourist guide / Liaison Officer insurance and porter insurance
- Information regarding status of application, while they are being processed can be obtained from Tourism Section of Gilgit-Baltistan Council Secretariat.

ROYALTY FEES MOUNTAINEERING AND TREKKING IN GILGIT-BALTISTAN

Royalty Fee Rates (Rules and Regulation Edition - 1999)				Ministry of Tourism reduced royalty fee rates from time to time since 2002 in order to overcome the negative effects of 9/11 2001 incident and to promote adventure tourism in Pakistan. It is still being continued.			
S. No.	Height of mountain (meters)	Royalty fee (US\$)	For each additional member exceeding 7 per team an additional fee at the following rate is charged.	S. No.	Height of Mountain (meters)	Existing 40% Discounted Fee	
						Full team of 7 members	Each Additional Member
1.	K-2 - 8611	12000	3000	1.	K-2 - 8611	7200	1200
2.	8001 – 8500	9500	3000	2.	8001 – 8500	5400	900
3.	7501 – 8000	4000	1000	3.	7501 – 8000	2400	300
4.	7001 – 7500	2500	500	4.	7001 – 7500	1500	180
5.	6501 – 7000	1500	300	5.	6501 – 7000	900	120