

**FORM 6**



FIRE AUTHORITY: QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL

PERMIT NUMBER:

**PERMIT TO LIGHT FIRE**  
Section 23 Forest and Rural Fires Act

**FULL NAME:**  
(PERMIT HOLDER)

**ADDRESS:**

**EMAIL:**

**PHONE:**

**FAX:**

**LOCATION OF FIRE:**

*[Attach a property location map showing the rural address, roads, grid references, etc]*

**FUEL TYPES TO BE BURNED:**

*[Indicate on the property location map the fuel types to be used and the size/area to be burned]*

**PERMIT VALID FROM:** ..... to ..... inclusive  
(date) (date)

**TIME OF DAY:** ..... to ..... inclusive  
(time) (time)

**GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE FIRE:**

(Eg land clearing operation, Incinerator fire)

This permit is issued under section 23 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977. You may light a fire in the open air at the location described above, subject to compliance with the following conditions.

**CONDITIONS**

The following conditions apply:

- (a) You must not light a fire if a strong wind is blowing or if the conditions are such that the fire is likely to spread beyond the limits of the land or other property for which this permit is issued:
- (b) This permit is suspended if there is a prohibition or order under Section 20 or Section 21 of the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 against the lighting of fires in the open air at the location described in paragraph 6:
- (c) Immediately before lighting a fire you must make reasonable efforts to confirm that no prohibition or order is currently in force.

\*Special conditions overleaf

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Rural Fire Officer Date

I understand the conditions of this permit and have read the "information for permit holders".

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Permit Holder Date

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Fires shall only be lit when the wind is Force 4 or below.
2. No fire shall be lit when it is likely to spread beyond the limits of the burn plan in respect of which the permit was issued.
3. A suitable local long range forecast has been obtained.
4. All fires are to be extinguished not later than two (2) hours before darkness. Fires are not permitted during the hours of darkness. (This condition maybe deleted for special circumstances or high country burns by permitting fire officer)
5. Adequate fire suppression methods are to be available at the site as outlined in burn management plan.
6. An adult is to be in direct attendance at all times to ensure management of the fire and compliance with the Permit and Burn Plan.
7. Only dry and dead (cured) material to be burnt.
8. Should smoke nuisance arise, immediate abatement of the fire will be required.
9. A copy of the permit and Burn Plan must be made available at the request of any Rural Fire Officer or member of the New Zealand Fire Service. The Burn Plan forms part of the Fire Permit, any contravention of the Burn Plan is a contravention of the Fire Permit.
10. The fire permit is for specified use only
11. This permit becomes void 30 days after issue and/or upon declaration of a prohibited fire season. Applicants must re-apply for all permits once the prohibited season is lifted or permit period expires. (A renewal of existing permits maybe applied for if 30 day period expires).
12. The actual fire must be more than 5 metres from any site boundary.
13. No fires shall be lit or allowed to burn within 32m either side of the centre of a Transpower transmission line unless Transpower has been advised at least 7 days prior. Transpower should also be contacted at least two hours prior to lighting of any fire, to manage risks of the fire affecting the transmission line. 0800 843 474 (0800 THE GRID)
14. Contact is required to be made with Lakes Environmental Rural Fire Officer prior to burn to confirm conditions are still appropriate for the burn to be undertaken – (03) 4500 300.(Monday to Friday) – Outside these hours contact duty Rural Fire Officer at Council: (03) 4410499

### Information for permit holders

#### *Meaning of open air*

Lighting a fire in the open air means lighting a fire out of doors other than in an approved fireplace, incinerator, barbecue, or other authorised receptacle.

#### *Resource Consent*

This permit is not a resource consent to discharge smoke or other contaminants into air. It does not exempt you from any obligations you may have under section 15 of the Resource Management Act 1991. You should check these matters with the relevant regional council.

#### *Additional permits*

Depending on where the fire authorised by this permit is to be lit, further fire permits may be required from the Department of Conservation, another Fire Authority, or the relevant city or district council.

#### *Escape*

If the fire escapes, and if it is safe to do so, try to extinguish it. Otherwise telephone 111

#### *Extreme fire danger*

Fire permits are suspended if a fire ban or an order prohibiting open air fires is in place. During a period of extreme fire danger, check with the Fire Authority on whether you may light a fire. If lighting a fire is essential for emergency purposes (eg, for destroying diseased or dead stock, or combating the likely spread of introduced organisms) you will need a special fire permit from the Fire Authority

#### *Insurance*

This permit is not a legal defence against claims for damage or fire-fighting costs caused by the fire. We advise you to have adequate fire insurance to cover any misadventures.

#### *Offences*

It is an offence not to produce this permit within a reasonable time when asked to do so by a member of the police or a Rural Fire Officer.

It is an offence, when there is a restricted or prohibited fire season in place, to light a fire in the open air without a permit, or to breach permit conditions.

Full details of these and other offences relating to lighting fires in the open air are set out in the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977.

### NOTES

1. Damage & other costs caused by fires may be recovered from the responsible party.
2. Fire Suppression Insurance is recommended.
3. In the event the fire moves outside the designated are, Call 111 immediately.
4. Other permits or consents maybe required for this fire, the applicant must ensure that all conditions, of all permits and consents are met before lighting, and during, and after (cleanup etc) the fire.

# **Fire Permit Burn Management Plan Outline**

The following is required to be filled out as part of your application for a fire permit application to enable the Rural Fire Officer to make a full assessment of your proposed fire and how you intend to manage the fire.

**Location, (physical address) and map to be attached. (Photos if possible)**

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**Date(s) of fire to be lit:**

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**Resource Consent Number if relevant or any other relevant Permit i.e DOC:**

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**Purpose and objective of Fire:**

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**Type of burn / Fuel to be burnt:**

- Dry stacked heap (bonfire)
- Vegetation clearance, small scale, size \_\_\_\_\_
- Vegetation Clearance large scale I.e. Farming Station
- Other please state what, \_\_\_\_\_

**Detailed description of material, i.e. how is it stacked and presented for burning:**

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**Expected Fire Behaviour:**

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**Duration (Expected length):**

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**Safe Firing Plan: (How will fire be lit)**

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**Preparation Work and Protection of Sensitive Features (e.g. Fire Breaks)**

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**Escaped Fire Plan:**

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**Mop-up:**

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**Plan Prepared by:**

**Date:**

**Signed:**

