



**PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE
NUKU'ALOFA, TONGA**

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TONGA GOVERNMENT RESEARCH PERMIT (TGRP) REQUIREMENTS:

In accordance with His Majesty's Cabinet Decision no. 410 of 12 May 2011, the following is required to be submitted with your application for a Tonga Government Research Permit:

1. A letter requesting a Tonga Government Research Permit addressed to: Mr. Paula P. Ma'u, Chief Secretary & Secretary to Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister, Nuku'alofa, Tonga.
2. A detailed description of the Research proposal endorsed by the Head of Faculty of Institution/ Organisation.
3. Evidence of sufficient financial support/funding.
4. State the proposed starting and finishing dates of the intended research.
5. Evidence of return ticket at completion of research work.
6. Evidence of Medical fitness to carry out research work.
7. A written and signed statement of willingness to abide and adhere to the TGRP conditions and submit 2 completed copies of research at no charge to Government.
8. The application will need to abide by the Ministry of Education and Training Ethics Policy. (We forward your proposal to the Ministry for their consideration)

Please be advised that:

- Your proposal/information may be forwarded to the relevant ministries for their information and comment.
- The relevant government ministries may have their own internal requirements or legislation that you must also abide by. We shall advise if further information is required.
- It is your own responsibility to acquire the appropriate visas for your research. However, for *Temporary Student Research visas*, Immigration requires a letter of support from us. If granted, this Permit will serve as a letter of support for this specific visa.
- It takes 10 working days for processing of each application and we shall advise when ready

Should you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lilika Sailosi via email: lita.sailosi@gmail.com /Fungala'au Mafi via email: fugalaau.mafi@gmail.com or pmopressroom@gmail.com or visit our website: www.pmo.gov.to or visit us at the PMO.

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