GSGSSI PERMIT HOLDER BRIEFING

The 2023/24 Permit Holder Briefing & Assessment is a mandatory annual briefing which provides essential, season—specific information.

Passing the assessment grants Visit Permit Holders dispensation to make their first landing outside of Grytviken.

Dispensation is maintained during the season by passing Biosecurity Audits.



ITS EASY!

Just CLICK on the buttons to visit the resources.

1. STUDY

Read the "Visiting South Georgia" Booklet.

2. VIEW

View the online Permit Holder Briefing.

3. TEST

Take the online assessment.

Questions? See over for FAQs or email allison.kean@gov.gs





Who is this briefing for?

It's for ALL Visit Permit Holders. Permit Holders are usually Expedition Leaders on cruise ships, or whoever has been named on the Visitor Permit. The Applicant (usually the Operator) nominates the Permit Holder to assume responsibility for the visit.

What is the briefing for?

The Permit Holder Briefing communicates essential information required for the visit. It provides dispensation to make the first landing outside of Grytviken.

Is this the same as the IAATO online assessment?

No. The Permit Holder Briefing is a GSGSSI requirement, and does not replace the IAATO online assessments.

What if I don't have internet access?

If you can't access the briefing online, you can request to have the briefing delivered in person at KEP. This will mean that you must make Grytviken the first landing of your visit.

How long is it valid for?

The Permit Holder Briefing is valid for 1 season. This is because the information is updated, ensuring the Permit Holder has current information.

Can it be revoked?

Yes. GSGSSI will revoke dispensation if the vessel does not achieve an acceptable pass during the Biosecurity Audit. Permit Holder dispensation does not override other reasons why a vessel might be asked to make first call in Grytviken such as new vessels requiring GSGSSI Observers.

How long does it take?

If already familiar with the 'Visiting South Georgia' booklet, allow about an hour to complete the briefing and assessment.