

CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN NUNAVUT

Depending on the nature of your research activities, receiving **regulatory approval** or exemption is the first step in the application process. Next, applicants must seek the appropriate **research license(s) and/or permit(s)**. Prior to conducting field research, you may also need the appropriate **land use/access permit(s)** or exemption. For research taking place in Nunavut schools, applicants must submit a proposal to the Government of Nunavut Department of Education in addition to the Nunavut Research Institute.

REGULATORY APPROVAL

For the physical use of land and/or waters in Nunavut, researchers may need to complete the regulatory process to conduct research in accordance with the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Project Planning and Assessment Act.

Nunavut Planning Commission

Land Use Plan conformity

Nunavut Impact Review Board

Impacts screening

For the physical use of land and/or waters in the Eeyou and Nunavik Marine Regions, researchers may need to complete the regulatory process to conduct research in accordance with the Eeyou Marine Region and Nunavik Inuit land claims agreements.

Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission

Land/Marine Use Plan conformity

Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission

Land/Marine Use Plan conformity

Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board

Impacts Screening

Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board

Impacts Screening

RESEARCH LICENSES

Researchers may require research licenses from one or more organization(s) depending on the scope of the research activities.

Nunavut Research Institute

Scientific Research License for Health Sciences, Social Sciences and IQ, and Natural/Physical Sciences research, excluding terrestrial and aquatic wildlife.

GN Environment

Wildlife Research Permit for terrestrial wildlife research, including polar bears, birds, insects and plants; Park Use Permit for all research within territorial parks.

GN Culture and Heritage

Archaeology and Palaeontology Permits.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

License to Fish For Scientific Purposes; an authorization to disturb marine mammals, including for research purposes; SARA permit for research involving certain species at risk.

Parks Canada Agency

Research and Collection Permit for all archaeological, natural/physical and social sciences research within a national park; SARA permit for research involving certain species at risk.

Canadian Wildlife Service

Scientific Permit for research involving migratory birds; Migratory Bird Sanctuary Permit for research within a Migratory Bird Sanctuary; National Wildlife Area Permit for research within a National Wildlife Area; SARA permit for research involving certain species at risk.

USE AND ACCESS PERMITS

Researchers who require access to and/or use of lands and waters within Nunavut must obtain the appropriate permits.

Regional Inuit Associations

Land use permit for activities on Inuit owned land from the appropriate designated Inuit organization(s).

Nunavut Water Board

A Water License or authorization is required for using waters or depositing waste in Nunavut, with certain exceptions.

Crown-Indigenous Relations & Northern Affairs Canada

Land Use Permit for activities on Crown Lands.

PROJECT REVIEW

Research applications are typically distributed to the appropriate groups for review and recommendations for amendments and/or license and permit conditions.

Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.

Inter-Agency Health Research Committee

Impacted Groups

Including Regional Inuit Associations, Regional Wildlife Organizations, Hunters and Trappers Organizations, District Education Authorities, Hamlet Councils, government departments, and community-based research groups.

LEGISLATED REVIEW

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

Under Article 5 of the Nunavut Agreement, responsible for reviewing wildlife research proposals and applications. Under Article 15 of the Nunavut Agreement, may review proposals for research within certain marine areas.

Inuit Heritage Trust

Under Article 33 of the Nunavut Agreement, responsible for reviewing archaeology permit applications submitted to GN Culture and Heritage.

Joint Management & Area Co-management Committees

Established under Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreements for the co-management of joint Inuit-Crown protected and conserved areas; responsible for the coordinated review of research permit applications.

GN Education

Research in Nunavut Schools Policy: Research proposal must be reviewed and approved by the Deputy Minister.

ETHICS APPROVAL

Researchers are also expected to seek and receive the required ethics approval(s) from their home institution.

Nunavut Research Licences, Permits and Approvals

License, Permit or Approval	Authorizing Agency	Regulated Activity
<i>Scientific Research Licenses and Permits</i>		
Research and Collection Permit	Parks Canada	All natural, archaeological or social science research including collection activities in national parks
Species at Risk Permit	Parks Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service, Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Research conducted near extirpated, endangered or threatened species
Migratory Birds Scientific Permit	Canadian Wildlife Service	Research on migratory birds when research plans include kill, collection, salvage or disturbances
License to Fish for Scientific Purposes	Fisheries and Oceans Canada	Fish for scientific purposes including capture, sampling, processing, and collecting data
Wildlife Research Permit	GN Department of Environment	Research on all wildlife, including polar bears, birds, insects, plants and wildlife habitats
Park Use Permit	GN Department of Environment	Research taking place within territorial parks and special places
Archaeological Permit	GN Department of Culture and Heritage	Investigation of archaeological sites
Paleontological Permit	GN Department of Culture and Heritage	Investigation of paleontological sites
Scientific Research License	Nunavut Research Institute	Health Sciences, Social Sciences/IQ, Natural/Physical Sciences

<i>Access and Land Use Permits and Approvals</i>		
Territorial Land Use Permit	CIRNAC	Land use activity on Crown Lands
National Wildlife Area Permit	Canadian Wildlife Service	Entry to and any activities within a National Wildlife Area
Migratory Birds Sanctuary Permit	Canadian Wildlife Service	Entry to and any activities within a Migratory Birds Sanctuary
Water License	Nunavut Water Board	Use of water or deposit of waste on any lands in Nunavut
Access to Inuit Owned Lands Permit	Kitikmeot Inuit Association	Entry to and activities on Inuit owned lands in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut
Certificate of Exemption (to Access Inuit Owned Lands)	Kivalliq Inuit Association	Entry to and activities on Inuit owned lands in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut
Access to Inuit Owned Lands Permit	Qikiqtani Inuit Association	Entry to and activities on Inuit owned lands in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut
Entry and Access Permit to Nunavik Inuit Owned Lands	Makivvik Corporation	Entry to and activities on Nunavik Inuit owned lands in the Nunavik Marine Region
<i>Impacts Screening</i>		
Conformity Screening	Nunavut Planning Commission	Any research using lands and/or waters proposed in regions where there is an approved land use plan
Screening	Nunavut Impact Review Board	Any land, freshwater or marine-based research
Conformity Screening	Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission	Any research using lands and/or waters proposed in regions where there is an approved land use plan
Screening	Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board	Any land, freshwater or marine-based research
Conformity Screening	Nunavik Marine Region Planning Commission	Any research using lands and/or waters proposed in regions where there is an approved land use plan
Screening	Nunavik Marine Region Impact Review Board	Any land, freshwater or marine-based research
<i>Other Permissions</i>		
Film production registration / Code of Responsibility Declaration	Nunavut Film Development Corporation	Any film activities
Land use permit	City or Hamlet	Alterations or additions to lands within municipal boundaries