

USAP Excess Baggage Request

The NSF does not authorize RPSC to issue or reimburse excess baggage costs. Participants are responsible for all commercial airline excess baggage costs, which should be covered under their Grant.

We suggest you ship excess baggage via the USAP cargo system. Excess baggage is not for personal items! See the *USAP Participant Guide* for details.

As with any commercial flight, there are overall weight and balance concerns on all Ice flights. *Please complete this form* if you are bringing more than the standard Ice flight baggage allowance, or if you are carrying high value/high tech goods through New Zealand. *All excess baggage requests to/from the Ice, as well as intra-continental flights, must be approved by the NSF.*

Name: _____ Peninsula (Punta Arenas, Chile)
(exactly as it appears on passport) Continental (Christchurch, NZ)
 Affiliation/Event #: _____ Other: _____

Commercial Carrier Baggage Allowances

Review your airline's baggage limitations prior to departure. *Generally*, domestic flights allow two 50 lb checked bags and international flights allow two 70 lb checked bags. (Depending upon airline policy, you may be required to pay a surcharge for the second bag.) No airline accepts bags over 70 lbs.

If the flight sequence is broken by the passenger (e.g., an overnight layover or non-contiguous flights that require baggage to be re-checked), you will incur additional costs.

Please contact RPSC Travel directly for oversized or overweight items which must be sent through the USAP cargo system.

Ice Flight Baggage Allowances

Standard checked luggage on flights from Christchurch to Antarctica is 34 kg (75 lbs) of personal luggage for summer and 66 kg (145 lbs) for winter participants. Save room for about 2.5 kg (5 lbs) of ECW gear.

Excess Baggage Requests for Ice Flights

Use one line for each piece of excess baggage requested. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Southbound Item (to Antarctica)	Weight	Contents/Justification

Northbound Item (from Antarctica)	Weight	Contents/Justification

Please check here if you plan to travel through New Zealand with high value/high tech goods. These goods require a Customs form, which RPSC Travel provides.

**Return this form to: RPSC, Attn: DSG, 7400 South Tucson Way, Centennial, CO 80112-3938
 Fax: 303-705-0742**