

MEETINGS 2025 – EXHIBITOR TERMS & CONDITIONS

DEFINITIONS

In these Terms & Conditions, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

The term 'Exhibitor' shall include all employees and agents of any Company, Partnership, Firm or individual to whom space has been allocated for the purpose of exhibiting.

The term 'Exhibition' shall mean **MEETINGS 2025**.

The term 'Exhibition Venue' shall mean Auckland Showgrounds.

The term 'Organisers' shall include all employees and agents of Business Events Industry Aotearoa (BEIA).

The term 'Landlord' shall mean the owners and management of the appointed Exhibition venue/s, its employees, or agents.

The term 'Contract' shall mean the contract for space or shell scheme stand at the Exhibition entered into between the Organisers and the Exhibitor, which incorporates these Regulations.

The term 'Authorities' shall mean the Local Authority and the Fire Authority.

The term 'Exhibition Information Manual' shall mean the manual to be prepared by the Organisers and distributed to Exhibitors prior to the Exhibition, setting out practical aspects of their participation and of the Exhibition.

The term 'Stand Coordinator' shall mean the main point of contact (assigned or de facto) from an exhibiting company for the Organisers to communicate arrangements for the Exhibition with.

The term 'Key Contact' shall mean the main point of contact from the company for the appointments on the stand.

1. PARTICIPATION COST

The cost of floor space only does not include any stand-fitting unless specified. An independent walling package stand includes rear and side walls, as necessary, signage bearing the company name, power and lighting.

2. APPLICATION FOR SPACE

All Stand Coordinators must complete the online MEETINGS 2025 Exhibition Application Form & Contract for Space to reserve space at the Exhibition. A Key Contact must be named and contact details given at the time of completing the application form. By acknowledging the Terms & Conditions, the Stand Coordinator accepts the conditions laid out in this document. The Stand Coordinator will receive a confirmation of space from the Organisers in writing, constituting establishment of the rental contract between the Organisers and Exhibitor. Exhibiting companies must be current financial BEIA members at the time of registration and exhibiting. All personnel working on an exhibition stand must be employed directly by a company that is a current BEIA member.

Alteration of space allotted

The contract constitutes a licence to exhibit and not a tenancy. The Organisers reserve the right to deviate from the confirmed position, size and shape of space allotted to the Stand Coordinator. No alteration to the space allotted will be done in such a way as to impose on the Stand Coordinator any greater liability for rental than that undertaken in the Contract.

Activation space should be taken to promote products in accordance with the subject matter of the exhibition. The Organisers reserve the right to refuse any application or prohibit any exhibit, or part thereof without assigning any reason for such refusal.

Sub-letting

The Exhibitor shall not assign the Contract, sub-let or part with their site or stand or any portion of it without prior consent, in writing, from the Organisers.

3. CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT

The participation cost shall be paid by the Exhibitor as follows:

Upon receipt of the GST Tax Invoice from BEIA, the full invoice amount will be due for payment immediately.

Outstanding invoices for stand costs must be paid in full prior

to the exhibitor registering onsite at the MEETINGS 2025 exhibition.

Space applied for during the earlybird period must be paid in full by 13th December 2024 in order to take advantage of the earlybird rates. After this date standard rates will apply.

In no circumstances will the Exhibitor be permitted to erect or occupy a stand or site if the rental has not been paid in full.

Should an Exhibitor be prevented from occupying their site for this reason, all participation costs paid shall be forfeited. The Organisers shall be entitled to utilise the site, which had been allotted to such Exhibitor in such manner as the Organisers shall think fit and to recover from the Exhibitor any expenditure incurred in so doing.

4. REDUCTION OF STAND SIZE/CANCELLATION

Without prejudice to the rights and remedies of the Organisers in respect of any breach of the Contract on the part of the Stand Coordinator, the Stand Coordinator may reduce their stand size or cancel their participation subject to the following conditions:

- a) The Stand Coordinator must give written notice to the Organisers setting out the amount of space by which they wish to reduce or stating their desire to withdraw.
- b) On receipt of the Stand Coordinator's notice, the Organisers will notify the Stand Coordinator of the proportion of Rental of the relinquished space payable, notwithstanding the reduction, or of the consideration payable for release from the Contract as follows:

With the exception of space held for Regional Bureaux, up to Friday 21 March 2025 an administration charge of \$500 plus GST will apply and after such date no refund will be payable.

Space held for Regional Bureaux as of 10th December 2024 is non-refundable, with any vacant space as of Friday 21 March 2025 applicable for purchase at activation space rates.

- c) Any changes to the overall stand dimensions as a result of a request to reduce will be at the Organisers' discretion.
- d) After Wednesday 14 May 2025 no refunds will be given for additional purchases such as MEETINGS Welcome Function, MEETINGS Celebration and additional exhibitor personnel registrations.
- e) Notice of cancellation must be received in writing to the Exhibition Manager.

5. OCCUPATION & COMPLETION OF SITE

The Stand Coordinator and contractors must comply with the pack-in and pack-out times and conditions as set out in the Exhibitor Information Manual.

The Exhibitor undertakes that their site or stand will be ready and installed and arranged thereon for display and all arrangements in connection therewith completed by **1800 Hours on Tuesday 10 June 2025.**

The Exhibitor will not remove any of their exhibits prior to the closing of the exhibition at **1700 hours on Thursday 12 June 2025.**

6. CONSTRUCTION & ERECTION OF SHELL SCHEME STANDS – Walling Package

Stand Fittings – All interior stand fittings must be contained within the shell scheme stand structure and

must not exceed 2.3 metres in height without permission from the Organiser.

Space Only Stands – Design & Build Stand

Design – Stand Coordinators are responsible for their own stand design and construction. A visual plan of the proposed stand installation, showing the ground plan, elevation and electrical must be submitted to the Organisers for examination and approval before **Tuesday 18th March 2025.** All interior stand fittings must be contained within the stand area and should not extend into the aisle area. All stand plans will be subject to the approval of both the Organisers and the Landlord and must fully comply with the Landlord's regulations.

The Organisers reserve the right to prevent work being carried out by or on behalf of any Stand Coordinator who has not submitted stand design drawings in accordance with this regulation.

Entry Level Exhibitor Stand -

The Exhibitor acknowledges that this option is only available for New Exhibitors or Exhibitors returning after a 5-year hiatus and is entirely at the discretion of the Organisers.

The Entry Level exhibitor option is only available for two consecutive years.

The Entry Level stand will include delayed access to a reduced Appointment Diary (by ten days).

There will be a limited number of Entry Level stand spaces available.

Stand Name and Number –

Space only stands must ensure their stand number and

company name is clearly displayed as this will not be provided.

All Stands - The Organisers may, at the expense of the Exhibitor, remove or alter anything in or forming part of any stand, if, in their opinion, it is desirable to do so in the interests of the Exhibition. The Organisers reserve the right to affix numbers or directional signs on any stand in any position.

Electrical Installations – all electrical installations must be carried out by the contractor appointed by the Organisers for the area in which the stand is situated.

7. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Exhibitor will only be allowed to serve tasting sized servings of alcohol on the stand with the permission of the Exhibition Manager and approval from the Venue.

Glassware of any kind is not permitted to leave the footprint of the stand.

Any alcoholic beverage that is used for a giveaway must be covered or in a bag after permission has been given by the Exhibition Manager.

8. SUSTAINABILITY

The Exhibitors and any additional staff registered for the Exhibition will be required to provide details regarding their travel method and accommodation plans to assist the Organiser in providing accurate information for their net carbonzero event operations certification. The Stand Coordinator will also be required to provide information regarding freight and giveaway items or collateral (including type, quantity and/or weight) available on the Exhibition stand for the same purpose.

9. FIRE REGULATIONS & SAFETY

All Exhibitors must fully comply with:

- a) the Landlord's and the Authorities' regulations in respect of Fire, Health & Safety and Emergency Access and Exits.
- b) All requirements under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

10. EXEMPTIONS

Applications for any consent by the Organisers must be in writing and must set out full details of the matters for which consent is sought. Exemptions from any Regulation may be granted at the Organisers' discretion. No exemption given by the Organisers will be effective unless it is in writing.

11. CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS

Every Exhibitor shall ensure that their stand is open to view and staffed by competent representatives during Exhibition hours. At least 2 staff members must be in the stand area during the prescheduled appointment sessions.

In the event of any Exhibitor failing to open their stand or uncover their Exhibits, the Organisers may do so or arrange for the stand and exhibits to be removed and the Exhibitor shall be liable for any charges that may be incurred. The Organisers will not be liable for any losses, including consequential losses, sustained by the Exhibitor as a result of this action.

The Organisers reserve the right to stop any activity on the part of any Exhibitor that may cause annoyance to other Exhibitors or buyers. Business must be conducted only from the Exhibitor's own stand and under no circumstances may this be carried out from a gangway or elsewhere within the Exhibition. Every Exhibitor, and all persons for whom they may be responsible, must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Any person failing to comply with this regulation may at the discretion of the Organisers, be removed from the Exhibition Venue and refused re-entry

during the period of the Exhibition.

The Exhibitors will comply with all requests and directions of the Organisers which are consistent with these terms and conditions.

12. LANYARDS & ID BADGE

The Organisers will issue official lanyards and ID Badges for admission and no other forms of entrance ticket will be valid. No Exhibitor will be admitted to the Exhibition without their Exhibitor ID Badge issued to them by the Organisers.

Industry visitor passes are valid during industry opening hours only. People wearing these badges may not work on a stand.

The Organisers reserve the right, at their discretion, to withdraw any ID Badge issued to any attendee, if complaints have been received concerning their conduct.

13. DAMAGE TO THE EXHIBITION VENUE

Nails, screws or other fixtures may not be driven into any part of the Exhibition Venue including the floors, nor should any part of the Venue be damaged or disfigured in any way. Should any such damage occur, the Exhibitor responsible will be invoiced for any reparation charges incurred.

14. INSURANCE

Exhibitors must ensure that they are fully covered against all risks at the Exhibition. Particular attention is drawn to the need for the following:

Third Party Claims – the Exhibitor is responsible for all claims, actions or costs for

personal injury and loss of damage of property caused by or arising from the erection and dismantling of the Exhibitor's stand. The Exhibitor will indemnify the Organiser in respect of each and every claim and all actions, proceedings, costs, claims and demands in respect thereof.

The Exhibitor must take out and maintain Public Liability Insurance providing a minimum indemnity of \$5m for the duration of the Exhibition including the construction and dismantling periods. The Organisers require a copy of this document by Friday 18 April 2025.

Stand Insurance – All risks of loss or damage to Exhibitor's property, fixtures, fittings, and all other property of a similar nature such as personal effects whilst in the Exhibition Venue must be fully covered by the Exhibitor.

The Organisers shall not be responsible for loss of or damage to exhibits or other property in the custody of the Exhibitor, howsoever caused.

Force Majeure - Exhibitors must insure against costs and expenses which they may incur in the event of the Exhibition being abandoned, cancelled, postponed, or curtailed in whole or in part for causes outside the Organisers' control (by reason of war, fire, national emergency, labour dispute, strike, lock-out, civil disturbance). The Organisers may at their discretion repay the Rental paid by the Exhibitor or part thereof but shall be under no obligation to do so. Neither shall the Organiser be liable to the Exhibitor in respect of any actions, claims, losses costs or expenses which may be brought about against or suffered or incurred by the Exhibitor as a result of the happening of any such event.

15. STAND CLEANING

It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that their stand is kept clean and tidy during the period of the Exhibition.

The exhibitor must go to the venue directly if they require their stand to be vacuumed to book the service.

16. PHOTOGRAPHS

Stands or articles may not be photographed, drawn, copied, or reproduced without the written permission of the Organisers.

17. AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT & PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

The Exhibitor must fully comply with the Landlord's and the Authorities regulations in respect of audio-visual equipment. There will be no public performances allowed within the exhibition halls during MEETINGS 2025. Any hospitality provided by exhibitors should be confined to within their stand area only and approved by BEIA.

Sound levels must be restricted to a minimum so as not to offend exhibitors on nearby stands. In the event of complaints, the Organisers reserve the right to suspend any entertainment formats for the remainder of the exhibition.

Entertainment must not take place during appointment sessions.

18. EXHIBITION APP & FLOOR PLAN

An official exhibition floor plan and app shall be issued; the Organisers do not accept any responsibility for any omissions, misquotations, or other errors, which may occur in the compilation of these materials.

19. ORGANISERS' RIGHT TO TERMINATE CONTRACT

If any Exhibitor fails to observe or perform any of the provisions of the Contract, the Organisers shall have the right to terminate the Contract forthwith

by notice in writing to such an Exhibitor. In such event the exhibits of such Exhibitor shall be removed from the Exhibition premises at a time to be stated by the Organisers and thereafter such Exhibitor shall not be entitled to access thereto or to the Exhibition. The Organisers shall be entitled, if necessary, to remove and dispatch the said exhibits and property (at the expense of the Exhibitor) to the Exhibitor's address, as stated in the Contract. All Rental paid by the Exhibitor shall be forfeited to and retained by the Organisers and the Exhibitor shall indemnify the Organisers in respect of all costs, losses, damages or expenses (including any consequential loss or damage) incurred.

20. ORGANISERS' RIGHT TO CANCEL EXHIBITION

The Organisers shall have the right at all times to abandon, cancel or suspend the Exhibition in whole or in part in the event that there is likely to be insufficient exhibitor participation in and support for the Exhibition. In such circumstances, the decision of the Organiser shall be final. In the event of such an abandonment, suspension, or cancellation the Exhibitor shall be entitled to receive repayment of all Rental paid, but the Organisers shall not be further responsible to the Exhibitor in respect of any actions, claims, losses (including consequential losses), costs or expenses which may be brought against or suffered or incurred by the Exhibitor as the result of the abandonment, cancellation, or suspension of the event.

21. FAILURE OF SERVICES

The Organisers will use their best endeavours to ensure the

supply of the services of the Landlords and of those mentioned in the Exhibitor's Manual, but they shall not incur any liability to the Exhibitor for any loss or damage, if such services shall wholly or partially fail or cease to be available nor shall the Exhibitor be entitled to any allowance in respect of capital paid or due.

22. BANKRUPTCY OR LIQUIDATION

Should an Exhibitor being an individual or firm become bankrupt, have a Receiving Order made against them or make any arrangement with their creditors, or being a limited liability company, go into liquidation (other than a voluntary liquidation for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction) or have a Receiver appointed, the Contract with such Exhibitor shall terminate forthwith save that all Rental paid shall be forfeited and the balance of the Rental shall become due and payable forthwith and such termination shall be without prejudice to any claim of the Organisers against the Exhibitor in respect of any antecedent breach.

23. RIGHTS OF THE ORGANISERS AND LANDLORD

The Organisers and the Landlord and those authorised by them respectively have the right to enter the Exhibition Venue at any time to execute works, repairs, and alterations and for other purposes. No compensation will be payable to an Exhibitor for damage, loss or inconvenience so caused.

24. DISPUTES

This contract shall be governed by New Zealand law and the parties must consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts in all matters regarding it.

25. ADDITIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

There will be a Health & Safety Plan. The Organiser will provide a Health & Safety briefing in writing, prior to Pack In. The exhibitor will be required to comply with any requirements in this regard, and if deemed not to be complying, the Organiser reserves the right to ask the Exhibitor to exit the Exhibition.

26. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Hosting of Hosted Buyers

The Exhibitor may not host any Hosted Buyers at any time during the event hours. In this clause "host any Hosted Buyers" includes hosting or engaging (by whatever means and whether at or outside any of the Venues) any buyers attending **MEETINGS 2025** for any length of time so that they miss or are late for any **MEETINGS 2025** event or appointment scheduled in the **MEETINGS 2025** Programme.

If the exhibitor hosts any Hosted Buyers, the exhibitor will immediately be liable to pay to the Organiser a service rebate of \$5,000 (plus GST) and may be excluded from attending future events organised by the Organiser. The parties agree that the service rebate payable under this clause is a genuine pre-estimate of the losses the Organiser will suffer if the Exhibitor hosts any buyers, and is not a penalty.