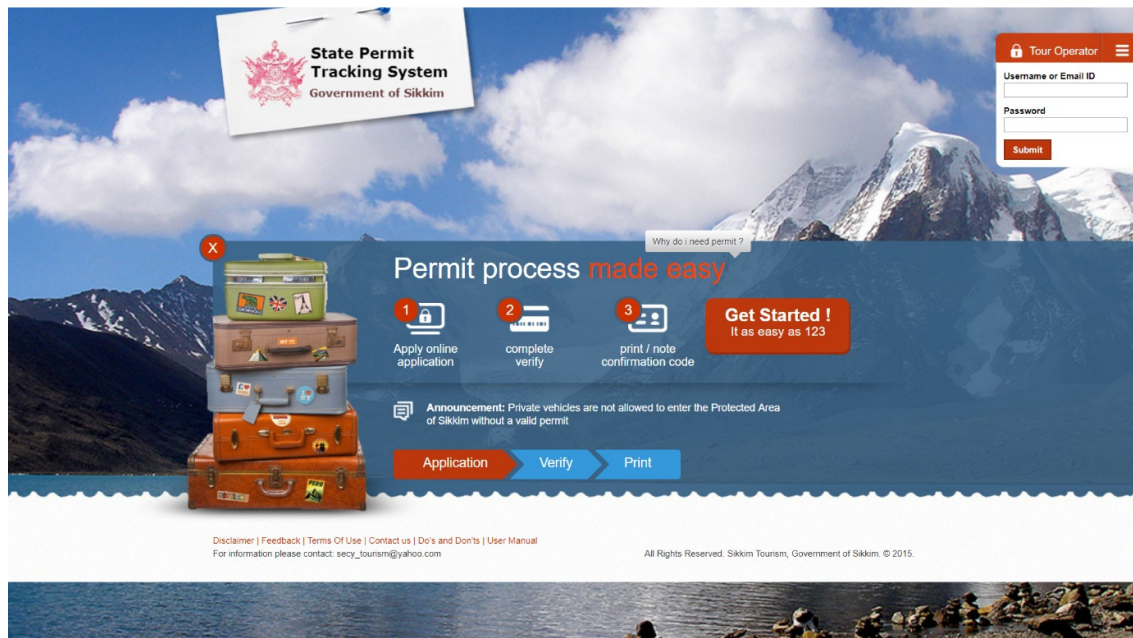


Inner Line Permit for Sikkim (ILP)

The online system for the ILP is first generation after being manually made in the past. Because of this fact, this site is clunky and illogical so I've put together some screenshots and copy to make it easier to use. The ILP has to be registered at the Foreign Registration Office (FRO) in Rangpo together with your visa manually in a hard copy register. Rangpo is the border town on the road from Seliguri to Gangtok, leaving West Bengal and entering Sikkim. You have to leave your jeep to walk the short distance to the FRO and wait in line no more than 20 minutes. Once your ILP is stamped and signed, you can enter Sikkim for 14 days. You can get a further extension to the ILP for another 14 days in Gangtok. On leaving Sikkim, it is mandatory to book out at Rangpo by the visiting the FRO again. You can get the online ILP prepared in the UK and printed out beforehand so you have a hard copy with your visa in your passport.

1. Go to <https://sikkimpts.azurewebsites.net/>



2. It's not logical but you don't press Step 1, apply online but click on the Get Started "It's as easy a 123" and you open-up into another window

3. In the Select Firm drop down menu, you select 1 and below that box, put your date of arrival in the format required.
4. Everything else is self-explanatory and you need to upload the same online passport photo that you used for your Indian visa. Make sure that the visa expiry date is 30 days after your arrival in Sikkim or the system will not accept your details
5. Take a screenshot just in case you need to apply again as the site sometimes locks up
6. Press the blue button “Add to group” and your will get your ILP together with a reference number. Print out the permit. At the FRO, they will go online and validate your details their end with this reference number and they will need to see the printed copy.
7. It’s important that the printed permit is stamped and signed by the official because the front desk at your hotel will need to see cover of this together with your visa to complete your hotel check-in.