

## National Certificate in Specialist Rescue (Rope Instructor) (Level 4)

**Level** 4

**Credits** 85

This qualification has been **reviewed**. The last date to meet the requirements is 31 December 2020

### Transition Arrangements

This qualification has been reviewed and has not been replaced.

The last date for entry into training programmes or courses leading to this qualification is 31 December 2017. The last date for assessments to take place for this expiring qualification is 31 December 2020.

People currently working toward this expiring qualification must complete their requirements by 31 December 2020.

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to The Skills Organisation at the address below:

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

### NQF Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	October 2005	December 2020
Review	2	April 2017	December 2020

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### Purpose

This qualification is designed for people in the emergency response industry who have a role in responding to specialist level rope rescue incidents, and who also provide training and assessment within this discipline, either in a paid or voluntary capacity.

This may include personnel from a wide range of sectors, including Civil Defence, Fire Service, Police, Ambulance, community rescue, urban search and rescue, wilderness search and rescue, private companies, and industrial rope access companies.

People awarded this qualification are able to demonstrate a range of knowledge and skills specific to specialist rope rescue operations, as well as generic training and assessment skills.

On successful completion of the Compulsory and Elective A sections people are able to demonstrate knowledge and skills in:

- rope rescue
- casualty rescue
- urban search and rescue
- confined space safety
- fall protection rigging
- aircraft safety
- radio communication
- health and safety
- first aid
- on job training
- assessment of learning
- interpersonal skills.

Standards in Electives B and C give flexibility to the qualification and allow the candidate to choose from a selection of civil defence, emergency services, and industrial rope access standards, with the balance of credits, if required, able to be selected from anywhere on the National Qualifications Framework.

The National Certificate in Specialist Rescue (Rope Instructor) (Level 4) [Ref: 1200] builds on the knowledge and skills recognised by the award of the National Certificate in Specialist Rescue (Rope Technician) (Level 3) [Ref: 1198].

## Credit Range

	Compulsory	Elective A	Elective B	Elective C
Level 1 credits	2	-	0-5	0-5
Level 2 credits	2	1	0-5	0-5
Level 3 credits	19	2-9	0-5	0-5
Level 4 or above credits	39	0-5	10-15	0-5
Minimum totals	62	8-10	10-15	0-5

## Requirements for Award of Qualification

This qualification will be awarded to people credited with a minimum of 85 credits, of which 50 are at level 4 or above, and who meet the requirements of the compulsory and elective sections.

### Compulsory

All the standards listed are required.

### Elective A

A minimum of one standard is required from each of Sets 1, 2, and 3.

### Elective B

A minimum of 10 credits at level 4 or above is required from the specified subfield and/or domain.

### Elective C

The balance of credits, if required to meet the qualification's requirement for a minimum of 85 credits of which at least 50 credits are at level 4 or above, may come from anywhere on the National Qualifications Framework.

### Award of NQF Qualifications

Credit gained for a standard may be used only once to meet the requirements of this qualification.

Unit standards and achievement standards that are equivalent in outcome are mutually exclusive for the purpose of award. The table of mutually exclusive standards is provided in the Qualifications Authority *Rules and Procedures* publications available at [www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/).

Reviewed standards that continue to recognise the same overall outcome are registered as new versions and retain their identification number (Id). Any version of a standard with the same Id may be used to meet qualification requirements that list the Id and/or that specify the past or current classification of the standard.

## Detailed Qualification Requirements

### Compulsory

All the standards listed below are required.

Field Community and Social Services  
Subfield Specialist Rescue  
Domain Rope Rescue

<b>Id</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit</b>
20536	Demonstrate awareness of rope rescue operations and hazards	2	1
20537	Provide initial response at rope rescue incidents	4	5
20538	Perform descender based rope rescue	4	6
20539	Perform specialist rope rescue	5	15

Domain Urban Search and Rescue – Operations

<b>Id</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit</b>
18516	Demonstrate knowledge of, and provide support at, urban search and rescue operations	3	3

Field Education  
Subfield Adult Education and Training  
Domain Delivery of Adult Education and Training

<b>Id</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit</b>
7108	Deliver on-job training to adults	4	8

Subfield Generic Education and Training  
Domain Assessment of Learning

<b>Id</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit</b>
4098	Use standards to assess candidate performance	4	5

Field Health  
Subfield Health Studies  
Domain Core Health

<b>Id</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit</b>
6400	Manage first aid in emergency situations	3	2
6401	Provide first aid	2	1
6402	Provide resuscitation level 2	1	1

Subfield Occupational Health and Safety  
Domain Occupational Health and Safety Practice

<b>Id</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit</b>
497	Protect health and safety in the workplace	1	1

Domain Occupational Health and Safety Practice

Id	Title	Level	Credit
17600	Explain safe work practices for working at heights	3	3
18426	Demonstrate knowledge of hazards associated with confined space	3	4

Field Humanities  
 Subfield Communication Skills  
 Domain Interpersonal Communications

Id	Title	Level	Credit
9705	Give and receive feedback	3	3

Field Planning and Construction  
 Subfield Construction  
 Domain Construction Health and Safety, and Injury Prevention

Id	Title	Level	Credit
15757	Employ fall arrest systems on building and construction sites	3	4

### Elective A

A minimum of one standard is required from each of Sets 1, 2, and 3.

#### Set 1

A minimum of one standard is required.

Field Community and Social Services  
 Subfield Fire and Rescue Services  
 Domain Fire and Rescue Services – Generic Fire Fighting

Id	Title	Level	Credit
10618	Rescue casualties using rescue techniques	4	5

Subfield Civil Defence  
 Domain Civil Defence Operation

Id	Title	Level	Credit
7318	Rescue casualties using Civil Defence rescue techniques	3	6

#### Set 2

A minimum of one standard is required.

Field Community and Social Services  
 Subfield Fire and Rescue Services  
 Domain Fire and Rescue Services – Generic Fire Fighting

Id	Title	Level	Credit
20388	Work safely with aircraft at emergency incidents	3	2

Subfield Snowsport  
 Domain Outdoor Equipment

Id	Title	Level	Credit
423	Work with helicopters	3	3

**Set 3**

A minimum of one standard is required.

Field Community and Social Services  
 Subfield Snowsport  
 Domain Outdoor Equipment

Id	Title	Level	Credit
4573	Communicate in the outdoors using two-way radio	2	1

Field Law and Security  
 Subfield Compliance and Law Enforcement  
 Domain Compliance and Regulatory Control

Id	Title	Level	Credit
11282	Communicate using a radio telephone in a compliance context	2	1

**Elective B**

A minimum of 10 credits at level 4 or above is required from the following subfield and/or domain.

Field	Subfield	Domain
Education	<a href="#">Adult Education and Training</a>	Any
	Generic Education and Training	Assessment of Learning

**Elective C**

The balance of credits, if required to meet the qualification’s requirement for a minimum of 85 credits of which at least 50 credits are at level 4 or above, may come from anywhere on the National Qualifications Framework.

**Transition Arrangements**

The following exemption applies for the purposes of this qualification.

Credit for	Exempted from
10425	497

## Other standard setting bodies whose standards are included in the qualification

Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation  
 Local Government Industry Training Organisation – Civil Defence Advisory Group  
 New Zealand Industry Training Organisation  
 NZQA  
 Sports Fitness and Recreation Industry Training Organisation.

## Certification

The certificate will display the logos of the Qualifications Authority, the Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation, and the awarding accredited provider if applicable.

## Classification

This qualification is classified according to the NQF classification system and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

DAS Classification		NZSCED	
Code	Description	Code	Description
405	Community and Social Services/Specialist Rescue	039905	Engineering and Related Technologies/Other Engineering and Related Technologies/Fire Technology and Rescue Services

### Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Accreditation requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) for each standard.