

## National Certificate in Outdoor Recreation (River Guide) with optional strands in Senior Raft Guide, and Senior Whitewater Craft Guide

**Level** 4

**Credits** 40-57

This qualification has been **reviewed**. The last date to meet the requirements is **31 December 2021**.

### Transition Arrangements

This qualification was republished in October 2020 to extend the last date for entry into programmes from 31 December 2020 to 31 March 2021.

This qualification was republished in April 2019 to extend the last date for entry into programmes from 31 December 2019 to 31 December 2020.

This qualification has been reviewed and has not been replaced.

The last date for entry into programmes leading to this qualification is 31 December 2020.

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

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 Skills Active Aotearoa at the address below.

### NZQF National Qualification Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	January 2011	December 2013
Revision	2	April 2012	December 2021
Review	3	July 2017	December 2021
Republication	3	April 2019	December 2021
Republication	3	October 2020	December 2021

### Standard Setting Body

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### Purpose

This National Certificate is for people working in the Outdoor Recreation industry who wish to guide commercial raft or craft trips on New Zealand whitewater rivers. It is a standalone qualification designed to meet the Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) qualification and licensing requirements (awards) for guiding clients on New Zealand rivers in rafting and white water boarding activities.

The qualification also includes the broad transferable and generic skills of risk management, planning, communications, and customer service.

The Core Compulsory section of this qualification covers the skills and knowledge required to plan and prepare for commercial river trips, guide clients through an adventure tourism activity of less than one day, and apply river rescue skills on Grade III or above whitewater rivers; while the Core Elective section offers the flexibility of recognising the specific craft and river grades in which the award will be applied.

While both Optional Strands cover coordinating and managing multiple craft trips, the Senior Raft Guide Optional Strand includes a standard that covers applying serious incident management skills as a senior guide on Grade III or above river environments; whereas the Senior Whitewater Craft Guide Optional Strand covers the application of serious incident management skills as a whitewater craft senior guide on Grade III/IV river environments.

The MNZ qualification requirements represented in the National Certificate are summarised in the table below. More detail for Rafting activities can be found in Rule Part 80 available on the Maritime Safety Authority website at: <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz>.

More detail for white water boarding activities (*Safety Guidelines, Commercial White Water Boarding Operations*) available on the Maritime Safety Authority website at: <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz>.

Qualification without Optional Strands	<b>MNZ Award</b>	<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Holders Permitted to</b>
	New Zealand National Raft Guide Grade III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core Compulsory</li> <li>• Core Elective: standard 26514</li> </ul>	Guide clients on rivers up to and including Grade III under the direct supervision of a New Zealand Senior National Raft Guide Grade III or IV/V on the same trip.
	New Zealand National Raft Guide Grade IV/V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core Compulsory</li> <li>• Core Elective: standard 26515</li> </ul>	Guide clients on rivers up to and including Grade IV under the direct supervision of a New Zealand Senior National Raft Guide Grade IV/V on the same trip dependant on grade of water.
	National Whitewater Boarding Guide Grade III/IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core Compulsory</li> <li>• Core Elective: standard 26516</li> </ul>	Guide clients on whitewater rivers on Grade III/IV under the direct supervision of a Senior National Whitewater Boarding Guide Grade III/IV.
Qualification with Optional Strands	<b>MNZ Award</b>	<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Holders Permitted to</b>
	New Zealand Senior National Raft Guide Grade III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand National Raft Guide Grade III Award</li> <li>• Senior Raft Guide Optional Strand</li> </ul>	Guide clients in rafts on rivers up to and including Grade III, and can supervise Guides as a trip leader on rivers up to and including Grade III.
	New Zealand Senior National Raft Guide Grade IV/V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand National Raft Guide Grade IV/V Award</li> <li>• Senior Raft Guide Optional Strand</li> </ul>	Guide clients in rafts on rivers up to and including Grade IV/V, and can supervise Guides as a trip leader on rivers up to and including Grade IV/V.
	Senior National Whitewater Craft Guide Grade III/IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Whitewater Boarding Guide Grade III/ IV</li> <li>• Senior Whitewater Craft Guide Optional Strand</li> </ul>	Guide clients in craft on whitewater rivers, and can supervise Guides as a trip leader on whitewater rivers.

### Special Notes

The completion of the standards in the qualification results in the award of this National Certificate. The National Guide Awards are issued following application to Skills Active Aotearoa Limited who manage the register of qualified River Guides on behalf of Maritime New Zealand.

Holders of the Senior National Guide Award will have previously achieved the National Guide Award relevant to the craft and grade of river in which the Senior National Guide Award will be sought.

## Credit Range

	Core Compulsory	Core Elective	Optional Strands
Level 4 credits	25	15	-
Level 5 credits	-	-	17
Minimum totals	25	15	17

## Requirements for Award of Qualification

### Award of NZQF National 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 on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/standards/standards-exclusion-list/>.

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.

## Summary of Requirements

- Core Compulsory standards
- Core Elective – A minimum of 1 standard as specified

The following strands are optional

- Senior Raft Guide Optional Strand
- Senior Whitewater Craft Guide Optional Strand

## Detailed Requirements

### Core Compulsory

The following standards are required

Community and Social Services > Outdoor Recreation > Rafting

ID	Title	Level	Credit
26512	Plan and prepare for commercial river trips	4	5
26513	Apply knowledge of river rescue skills on Grade III or above whitewater rivers	4	10

## Service Sector &gt; Tourism &gt; Adventure Tourism

ID	Title	Level	Credit
12407	Guide clients through an adventure tourism activity of less than a day	4	10

**Core Elective**

A minimum of 1 standard

## Community and Social Services &gt; Outdoor Recreation &gt; Rafting

ID	Title	Level	Credit
26514	Apply raft guiding skills on Grade III river environments	4	15
26515	Apply raft guiding skills on Grade IV or above river environments	4	15
26516	Apply whitewater board guiding skills on Grade III or above whitewater rivers	4	15

**Senior Raft Guide Optional Strand**

The following standards are required

## Community and Social Services &gt; Outdoor Recreation &gt; Rafting

ID	Title	Level	Credit
26517	Coordinate and manage multiple craft trips as a senior guide on Grade III or above river environments	5	7
26518	Apply serious incident management skills as a senior raft guide on Grade III or above river environments	5	10

**Senior Whitewater Craft Guide Optional Strand**

The following standards are required

## Community and Social Services &gt; Outdoor Recreation &gt; Rafting

ID	Title	Level	Credit
26517	Coordinate and manage multiple craft trips as a senior guide on Grade III or above river environments	5	7
26519	Apply serious incident management skills as a whitewater craft senior guide on Grade III or above rivers	5	10

**Previous versions of the qualification**

Version 2 was issued following review. Changes to structure and content included: unit standard 424 removed from the Senior Raft Guide Optional Strand and the Senior Whitewater Craft Guide Optional Strand; credit totals for the optional strands decreased from 22 to 17 credits; credit totals for qualification decreased from 40-62 to 40-57 credits.

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

ServiceIQ

### Certification

This certificate will display the logos of NZQA, Skills Active Aotearoa Limited and the organisation that has been granted consent to assess against standards that meet the requirements of the qualification (accredited).

### Classification

This qualification is classified according to the classification system listed on the Directory of Assessment Standards (DAS) and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

DAS Classification		NZSCED	
Code	Description	Code	Description
332	Community and Social Services > Outdoor Recreation	092101	Society and Culture > Sport and Recreation > Sport and Recreation Activities

#### Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Organisation with consent to assess and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Consent to assess requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) for each standard.