

**Qualification Title:** New Zealand Certificate in Snowsport Equipment (Level 4) with strands in Workshop Technician and Bootfitting.

**Qualification number:** 3500

**Date of review:** 18 November 2019

This report refers to graduates awarded this qualification prior to: **31 December 2018**

**Final decision on consistency of the qualification: National consistency is confirmed**

**Threshold:**

The threshold to determine sufficiency with the graduate profile was determined as evidence of:

Graduates provide New Zealand and the snowsport industry with specialist knowledge and skills to work as snowsport equipment technicians, specialising in workshop technician or bootfitting and can work without direct supervision.

Graduates of the Workshop Technician strand provide specialist repair and maintenance services and graduates of the bootfitting strand select, fit, and adapt boots for skiers and snowboarders.

**Education Organisations with sufficient evidence**

The following education organisation has been found to have sufficient evidence.

Education Organisation	Final rating
Skills Active Aotearoa Limited	Sufficient

**Introduction**

This Level four qualification of 60 credits provides New Zealand and the snowsport industry with graduates who can apply specialist knowledge and skills to work as snowsport equipment technicians. Graduates specialise in workshop technician or bootfitting dependent on the strand selected and can work without direct supervision. Graduates of the Workshop Technician strand are able to provide specialist repair and maintenance services for skiers and snowboards, graduates of the bootfitting strand are able to select, fit, and adapt boots for skiers and snowboarders. Graduates will contribute to the cultural, social and economic wellbeing of Aotearoa New Zealand.

There are no further direct educational pathways, however this qualification may build on the New Zealand Certificate in Snowsport Equipment (Level 3) with strands in workshop Technician and Rental. At this consistency review there was no evidence of this occurring. The employment pathway is clearly evident for the graduates over this reporting range.

The consistency review meeting was held in Wellington. One education organisation presented. In addition to the Education Organisation, the consistency review was attended by an observer from New Zealand Qualifications Authority, Skills Active Aotearoa Limited, and

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New Zealand Institute of Health & Fitness which has a programme leading to the qualification but no graduates.

### Evidence

The education organisation provided a range of evidence to demonstrate that their graduates met the graduate profile outcomes.

The criteria used to judge the evaluation question were:

- The nature, quality and integrity of the evidence presented by the education organisation
- How well the organisation has analysed, interpreted and validated the evidence, and used the understanding gained to achieve actual or improved consistency
- The extent to which the education organisation can reasonably justify and validate claims and statements relating to the consistency of graduate outcomes, including in relation to other providers of programmes leading to the qualification.

Evidence provided for this review included:

- Confirmation that the education organisation had a coherent programme of study or programme of industry training which ensured that programme components led to the graduate profile.
- Graduate and employer surveys to support that graduates had gained, and were using, the skills and knowledge outlined in the graduate profile.
- Destination data supporting that graduates were working in roles that required the application of skills and knowledge required by the graduate profile.

### **How well does the self-assessment and supporting evidence provided by the education organisation demonstrate that its graduates match the graduate outcomes at the appropriate threshold?**

The education organisation submitted a range of evidence and all could be triangulated to demonstrate that their graduates match the graduate outcomes at the appropriate threshold. The range of evidence included; programme evidence - moderation and programme review, programme alignment, graduate and employer evidence, and destination data.

Strong evidence related to the alignment of their approved programme of industry training, with the GPOs. The programme of industry training incorporated trainees working in the snowsport industry providing experiential learning and opportunity for real world assessment. Evidence relating to moderation and programme review was strong with good internal quality processes.

Feedback from graduates and employers provided at the review and post-review, aligned to the GPOs, was convincing and the education organisation was able to sufficiently demonstrate that their graduates meet the graduate outcomes at the determined threshold.

### **Special Focus** (includes special focus on a strand or outcome)

This qualification has two strands. The Workshop Technician strand had the most uptake compared to the bootfitting strand, although there is much higher demand and need for qualified and competent bootfitters.

### **Recommendations to Qualification Developer**

None.