

Title	Demonstrate and describe waka ama paddling and safety skills		
Level	2	Credits	12

Purpose	People credited with this standard are able to: identify and describe waka ama equipment; describe safety skills for waka ama; demonstrate capsized drills for waka ama; and demonstrate paddling strokes for waka ama.
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Classification	Outdoor Recreation > Waka Ama
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- The following legislation, codes, and their amendments are relevant to this unit standard:
 Maritime Transport Act 1994;
 Local Government Act 2002;
 Resource Management Act 1991;
Tiaki Care Code, available from <https://www.tiakinewzealand.com>
Water Safety Code and Boating Safety Code, Water Safety New Zealand, available from <http://watersafety.org.nz>;
Leave No Trace Principles, available from <http://www.leaveonotrace.org.nz/>.
- Definition
Waka ama best practice refers to practices promoted through industry national forums which are generally accepted by experienced practitioners as safe and include complying with Maritime New Zealand's Waka Ama Safety Rules, available from <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify and describe waka ama equipment.

Performance criteria

- Identify and describe the different parts of a waka ama.
 Range kiato, ama, ihu, taumanu, rauawa, hiwi.
- Identify and describe the parts of a waka ama paddle.
 Range T-Grip, shaft, shoulder, blade, off-set, power face.

1.3 Identify and describe waka ama equipment in accordance with waka ama best practice.

Range personal flotation device, bailer, waka, lashing.

1.4 Describe waka ama rigging practice in accordance with waka ama best practice.

Range difference between the front and back kiato, correct side for ama, distance from the centre of the taumanu to the peg of the kiato.

Outcome 2

Describe safety skills for waka ama.

Performance criteria

2.1 Identify and describe off water communications systems in accordance with waka ama best practice.

Range includes but is not limited to – karakia, loading and unloading waka, rigging, safety briefing, paddle plan.

2.2 Identify and describe on water communications systems in accordance with waka ama best practice.

Range includes but is not limited to – steerer's instructions, changing sides.

2.3 Describe safety checks of waka and equipment before and after paddling in accordance with waka ama best practice.

Range includes but is not limited to – waka, lashing/rigging, personal flotation devices, bailer(s), spare paddle/s, form of communication, fixed white light to be seen from at least one (1) metre away at times of low visibility.

2.4 Describe environmental conditions to consider before paddling in accordance with waka ama best practice.

Range may include but is not limited to – weather, tides, marine warnings, rāhui.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate capsized drills for waka ama.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe capsized drills in accordance with waka ama best practice.
 Range count off, collect paddles, flip waka, bail, help paddlers back into waka, return to shore, call for assistance if required.
- 3.2 Demonstrate capsized drills in accordance with waka ama best practice.
 Range count off, collect paddles, flip waka, bail, help paddlers back into waka, return to shore, call for assistance if required.
- 3.3 Evaluate capsized drills in accordance with waka ama best practice.

Outcome 4

Demonstrate paddling strokes for waka ama.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Demonstrate forward stroke in accordance with waka ama best practice.
 Range setup, entry and catch, power, exit, return.
- 4.2 Demonstrate back stroke in accordance with waka ama best practice.
 Range setup, entry and catch, power, exit, return.
- 4.3 Demonstrate timing in accordance with waka ama best practice.
 Range stroke rate, length of stroke, changing sides.
- 4.4 Position body correctly in accordance with waka ama best practice.
 Range leg position, tall spine with head facing forward, upper spine movement, shoulder rotation.

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Registration	1	23 November 2017	31 December 2025
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0099
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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