

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of the erection and dismantling of scaffolding up to five metres in height		
Level	3	Credits	3

Purpose	<p>People credited with this unit standard are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – demonstrate knowledge of the erection, alteration, maintenance, inspection, and dismantling of scaffolding up to five metres in height; – describe the procedures for erecting scaffolding up to five metres in height; and – describe the procedures for dismantling scaffolding up to five metres in height.
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Classification	Lifting Equipment > Elementary Scaffolding
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 All tasks must be carried out in accordance with:
 - a Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA 2015) and Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995 (HSE Regulations 1995);
 - b Building Act 2004;
 - c Resource Management Act 1991;
 - d New Zealand Building Code;
 - e NZS 3604:2011 *Timber Framed Buildings* and AS/NZS 4576:1995 *Guidelines for Scaffolding*, available from Standards NZ (<http://www.standards.co.nz>);
 - f the most up-to-date version of the *Good Practice Guidelines - Scaffolding in New Zealand (GPG)*, 2016 available from <https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/working-at-height/scaffolding-in-new-zealand/>; and all subsequent amendments and replacements.
- 2 Definitions

Hazards refer to those occurrences, processes, substances or situations as determined by the organisation that are an actual or potential cause or source of harm associated with, but not limited to: process, activities, environment, equipment, materials, work organisation, site and facilities.

Prefabricated frame scaffolding is as defined in the GPG. They are scaffolding assembled from prefabricated frames, braces and accessories.

Scaffolding is as defined in the GPG and in the Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995.

Up to five metres in height is defined as a situation in which a fall of no more than five metres can be sustained from any point on a scaffold.

Workplace procedures refer to the documented procedures specific to a workplace or site which set out the standard and required practices of that workplace or site.

- 3 This unit standard is not for use with those intending to become professional scaffolders. It is intended only for scaffolding up to five metres in height, which does not require a Certificate of Competence or notification to WorkSafe New Zealand. The HSE Regulations 1995 require any work on scaffolding (including erection, maintenance, repair or dismantling) in which the top platform is above five metres to be notified to WorkSafe New Zealand, and the people erecting, maintaining, repairing or dismantling the scaffold to hold a Certificate of Competence for scaffolding. This unit standard is designed to encompass the knowledge and skills required for the use of limited proprietary scaffolding systems in restricted contexts. Those accessing this unit standard are likely to be those involved in construction and related activities who erect non-notifiable scaffolding for their own immediate use and the use of those working with them.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of the erection, alteration, maintenance, inspection, and dismantling of scaffolding up to five metres in height.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe requirements for erecting, altering, maintaining, inspecting and dismantling scaffolding up to five metres in terms of legislation and best practice.
- Range HSWA 2015, HSE Regulations 1995, manufacturer's instructions, the GPG.
- 1.2 Identify and describe types of scaffolding in terms of their uses and limitations.
- Range includes but is not limited to – brackets, timber pole, metal frame, metal tube, modular systems.
- 1.3 Describe scaffolding in terms of their safe erection, maintenance, alteration and inspection requirements.
- Range includes but is not limited to – decking and loading, bracing, spacing of all members, guardrails, manufacturer's instructions.

Outcome 2

Describe the procedures for erecting scaffolding up to five metres in height.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe procedures for the safe erection of scaffolding up to five metres in height.
- Range includes but is not limited to – timber, metal, tube and frame.

Outcome 3

Describe the procedures for dismantling scaffolding up to five metres in height.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Describe the procedures for the safe dismantling of scaffolding up to five metres in height.

Range includes but is not limited to – timber, metal, tube and frame.

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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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