

National Certificate in Diving (Foundation Skills) (Level 3)

Level 3

Credits 42

This qualification has been **reviewed**. The last date to meet the requirements is 31 December 2022.

Transition Arrangements

This qualification has been reviewed and will be replaced by the New Zealand Certificate in Diving (Level 3) [Ref: 3886].

The last date for entry into programmes leading to this qualification is 30 June 2021. The last date of assessment is 31 December 2022, when the qualification will be discontinued.

People currently working towards achievement of this qualification must complete the requirements for this qualification by that date or transition to the replacement qualification.

Any person who feels disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact Skills Active Aotearoa at the address below.

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

NZQF National Qualification Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	October 2007	December 2022
Republished	1	July 2016	December 2022
Review	2	February 2020	December 2022

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This qualification was republished in July 2016 to include reverse transition for expiring standards.

Purpose

The National Certificate in Diving (Foundation Skills) (Level 3) [Ref: 1321] recognises the foundation skills and knowledge required of people entering any sector of the dive industry.

Holders of this qualification will have demonstrated competence in a number of required introductory and prerequisite diving skills and experiences. Candidates may choose to advance to a variety of dive and underwater construction qualifications such as the National Certificate in Diving (Leadership) (Level 4) [Ref: 1322], the National Certificate in Aquaculture (Diving) (Level 4) [Ref: 1210], or the Australian Dive Accreditation Scheme (ADAS) Part One and Two.

This qualification can be an entry point for people working in the dive industry. The qualification structure also recognises the diversity in diving workplaces and the nature of work that they can undertake. To reflect this, the qualification includes an elective section where candidates are able to choose unit standards relevant to their workplace. The compulsory unit standards meet the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Service's Limited Certificate of Competence, which allows entry into dive sectors such as Aquaculture, and Film and Photographic. They also allow entry to further training in the Underwater Construction, Scientific, Recreational Instruction, and Dive Tourism sectors of the industry.

Special Notes

A current diving medical statement from a physician in compliance with the Recreational Scuba Training Council's (RSTC) guidelines is requirement prior to beginning a programme leading to the award of this qualification. This medical statement must remain valid for the duration of the course of study.

Unit standards 4387, 4393 and 4398 require a prerequisite of proof of 20 logged dives showing experience in navigation, and deep and night diving, or demonstration of equivalent knowledge and skills.

Credit Range

	Compulsory	Elective
Level 1 credits	1	-
Level 2 credits	1	-
Level 3 or above credits	35	5
Minimum totals	37	5

Requirements for Award of Qualification

This qualification will be awarded to people who have met the requirements of the compulsory and elective sections.

- Compulsory standards
- Elective – A minimum of 5 credits as specified

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 section 7 of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) *Rules and Procedures* publications available at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/index.html>.

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 Requirements

Compulsory

The following standards are required

Community and Social Services > Diving > Diving – General

Id	Title	Level	Credit
23349	Administer supplemental oxygen at the surface to divers experiencing physiological problems	3	2

Community and Social Services > Diving > Diving – Recreational

Id	Title	Level	Credit
4384	Scuba dive and perform rescues in open water to a maximum depth of 18 metres	3	7
4385	Navigate prescribed routes underwater	3	4
4387	Perform diver rescues	4	7
4388	Complete a night dive	3	4
4393	Complete underwater search and recovery dives	3	4

Id	Title	Level	Credit
4398	Complete deep dives to between 18 and 40 metres, and perform tasks	4	5

Health > Health Studies > Core Health

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

Elective

A minimum of 5 credits at Level 3 or above from anywhere on the DAS.

Transition Arrangements

This qualification is republished to include reverse transition to recognise learners who gained credit for the replacement unit standards.

This qualification contains standards that are expiring and have been replaced. Learners who have gained credit for the replacement standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring standards.

Credit for	Exempt from
28438	23349
28392	4384
28393	4385
28395	4387
28396	4388
28401	4393
28404	4398

The following reverse transition for the *First Aid* standards is also available.

Credit for	Exempt from
26551, 26552	6400
26552	6401
26551	6402

Standard Setting Body

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Planned Review

This qualification is currently under review as part of a mandatory review of qualifications.

Certification

The certificate will display the logos of NZQA, Skills Active Aotearoa Limited and the accredited provider.

Classification

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

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

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. Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) are outlined in the associated CMR for each standard.