

National Certificate in Diving (Leadership) (Level 4)

Level	4
Credits	60

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 not be replaced.

The last date of 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.

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
Revision	2	January 2009	December 2022
Republished	2	July 2016	December 2022
Review	3	February 2020	December 2022

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

Purpose

This national certificate recognises the intermediate skills and knowledge required in the dive industry. Holders of this qualification will have demonstrated competence in leading and guiding clients in snorkel diving, and supervising and controlling diver operations. The qualification also recognises the diversity in diving workplaces and the nature of work that they undertake. To reflect this, the qualification includes an elective section where candidates are able to choose standards relevant to their workplace.

This qualification builds on the foundation skills and knowledge recognised by the National Certificate in Diving (Foundation Skills) (Level 3) [Ref: 1321].

The National Certificate in Diving (Leadership) (Level 4) [Ref: 1322] provides the intermediate and prerequisite skills and experience required before people advance to a variety of dive-based occupational or instruction qualifications. The compulsory standards will allow entry to further training in the underwater construction such as Australia Dive Accreditation Scheme (ADAS) Part One and Two, recreational instruction such as the National Certificate in Diving (Instruction) (Level 6) [Ref: 1323], scientific and dive tourism sectors of the industry.

The National Certificate in Diving (Leadership) (Level 4) [Ref: 1322] can enable people to gain employment within the dive tourism sector as a dive guide.

Special Notes

In June 2016 Skills Active Aotearoa Limited extended the expiry date for the diving qualifications and expiring diving unit standards to December 2018 so learners were not disadvantaged by the delay from the Targeted Review of Qualifications.

A current diving medical statement from a physician in compliance with the Recreational Scuba Training Council's (RSTC) guidelines is required 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.

Prerequisite: National Certificate in Diving (Foundation Skills) (Level 3) [Ref: 1321] or demonstration of equivalent knowledge and skills.

Credit Range

	Compulsory	Elective
Level 1 credits	2	-
Level 2 credits	-	0-18
Level 4 or above credits	25	15-33
Minimum totals	27	33

Requirements for Award of Qualification

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.

Summary of Requirements

- Compulsory standards
- Elective – A minimum of 33 credits as specified

Detailed Requirements

Compulsory

The following standards are required

Community and Social Services > Diving > Diving - Instruction

ID	Title	Level	Credit
8296	Instruct clients in snorkel diving	5	5

Community and Social Services > Diving > Diving - Recreational

ID	Title	Level	Credit
4383	Snorkel dive with safety	2	2
4396	Complete a wreck dive	4	5
8273	Supervise and control dive operations	5	15

Elective

A minimum of 33 credits at Level 2 or above

- Of which a minimum of 15 credits at Level 4 or above

Field	Subfield	Domain
Community and Social Services	Diving	Diving - General
		Diving - Occupational
		Diving - Recreational
		Diving - Scientific
	Outdoor Recreation	Adventure Based Learning
		Outdoor First Aid
		Outdoor Management
	Weather Interpretation in the Outdoors	
Health	Emergency Services	Pre-Hospital Emergency Care
Humanities	Communication Skills	Interpersonal Communications
Māori	Ngā Mahi ā te Rēhia	Te Ao Tūroa
Service Sector	Maritime	Navigation and Seamanship
		Sea Survival and Sea Safety

Transition Arrangements**Republished reversed transition**

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
28436	8296
28391	4383
28403	4396
28416	8273

Version 2

Version 2 was issued following revision in order to correct error in the elective rule and the omission of a domain in the elective list.

Changes to structure and content:

- Elective rule amended to allow selection of credits above level 4.
- Outdoor Management domain added to the elective section.

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

Candidates may either complete version 1 of this qualification or transfer to version 2.

There are no transition consequences arising from the above changes.

Standard Setting Body

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Planned Review

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

Certification

This certificate will display the logos of NZQA, Skills Active Aotearoa Limited and the accredited organisation.

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.