

**Field      Community and Social Services****Development of *Waka Ama* unit standards**

Skills Active has completed the development of new unit standards.

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**Summary**

Waka ama is New Zealand's fastest growing water activity. It encompasses national, local and regional events that occur across the country and involves paddlers aged from 5 to 75 years old. Waka ama are found in a range of outdoor recreation contexts including rivers, lakes and oceans.

These two new unit standards have been developed in conjunction with the national peak body Waka Ama NZ who represent over 5000 waka ama paddlers nationally and their associated clubs and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa who currently run the only tertiary waka ama programmes in the country.

**Detailed list of unit standards – classification, title, level, and credits**

Community and Social Services > Outdoor Recreation > Waka Ama

<b>ID</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit</b>
30810	Demonstrate and describe waka ama paddling and safety skills	2	15
30811	Demonstrate capsize drills for waka ama	2	3