

**Field Community and Social Services****Review of *Snowsport* unit standards**

<b>Subfield</b>	<b>Domain</b>	<b>ID</b>
Snowsport	Alpine Resort Operations	29487-29490
	Avalanche	30451-30454
	Snowsport Area Operations	30130-30133, 30834-30842

Skills Active Aotearoa has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

**Date new versions published**

**March 2021**

**Planned review date**

**December 2025**

**Summary**

The review of these unit standards was prompted by the outcomes of the mandatory review of qualifications, specifically:

- New Zealand Certificate in Alpine Resort Operations (Level 3) [Ref: 3224]
- New Zealand Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management (Level 5) [Ref: 3490]
- New Zealand Certificate in Snowsport Patrol (Level 4) [Ref: 3498]
- New Zealand Certificate in Snowsport Patrol Leader (Level 5) [Ref: 3497]
- New Zealand Certificate in Snowmaking (Level 3) [Ref: 3495]
- New Zealand Certificate in Snowgrooming (Level 4) [Ref: 3494].

Feedback from stakeholders, including industry experts and current users, was gathered through an open consultation process.

**Main changes**

- Minor amendments to language within the unit standards were made for readability and to ensure the standards are fit for purpose and aligned with current industry practice.
- Unit standards were updated to meet current NZQA template requirements.
- Legislation and industry references were updated for currency.
- Performance criteria were updated to remove any duplication or repetition.
- Title of unit standard 29489 was updated to better reflect outcomes.

**The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2022**

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

All changes are in **bold**.

<b>Key to review category</b>	
<b>A</b>	Dates changed, but no other changes are made - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and the same version number
<b>B</b>	Changes made, but the overall outcome remains the same - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and a new version number
<b>C</b>	Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement standard with a new ID
<b>D</b>	Standard will expire and not be replaced

## Community and Social Services &gt; Snowsport &gt; Alpine Resort Operations

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
29487	Demonstrate knowledge of safe working procedures and practices in an alpine resort operation	3	5	B
29488	Take responsibility for own professional practice while carrying out role at an alpine resort	3	20	B
29489	Demonstrate knowledge of the features and operations of an alpine resort <b>Demonstrate knowledge of the features, operations and contribution of an alpine resort</b>	3	5	B
29490	Contribute to the provision of positive alpine resort guest experiences	3	10	B

## Community and Social Services &gt; Snowsport &gt; Avalanche

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
30451	Demonstrate and apply knowledge of snowpack, weather and terrain in relation to avalanche hazards	5	10	B
30452	Record and communicate snowpack, weather and avalanche hazard information	5	20	B
30453	Apply avalanche mitigation techniques to reduce risk to self while operating in avalanche terrain	5	5	B
30454	Apply avalanche search and rescue knowledge and skills to participate in a small party rescue	5	5	B

## Community and Social Services &gt; Snowsport &gt; Snowsport Area Operations

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
30130	Demonstrate knowledge of snow, snowmaking and snowmaking needs, and undertake basic maintenance on snowmaking equipment	3	12	B
30131	Apply knowledge of snowmaking, snowmaking equipment, and safe practice to optimise snow production for a snowsport area	3	28	B
30132	Demonstrate knowledge of snow, snowgrooming, and snowgroomers and their maintenance	4	12	B
30133	Operate snowgroomers safely and effectively to meet grooming requirements for a snowsport area	4	28	B
30834	Demonstrate ski patrol professional practice	4	10	B
30835	Perform daily ski patrol tasks and routines	4	20	B
30836	Demonstrate competent skiing or snowboarding, and tobogganing skills for snowsport patrol purposes	4	25	B
30837	Demonstrate and apply knowledge of ski patrol emergency response systems and snowsport first responder emergency care	4	20	B
30838	Demonstrate knowledge of mountaineering techniques including rope rescue and ski touring for patrol requirements	4	5	B
30839	Demonstrate technical ability as a senior ski patroller	5	10	B
30840	Apply advanced knowledge as a senior ski patrol team member to complete daily patrolling routines	5	20	B
30841	Role model collaborative work practices across a snowsport area to achieve ski patrol outcomes	5	10	B
30842	Carry out site leadership roles at snowsport area incidents	5	10	B