
SNOWSPORT AREA OPERATIONS

Groom snow for an event

level:	4
credit:	15
planned review date:	June 2009
sub-field:	Snowsport
purpose:	People credited with this unit standard are able to identify grooming requirements for an event at a snowsport area and demonstrate grooming skills to create and maintain terrain for an event.
entry information:	Prerequisite: Unit 5624, <i>Groom snow at a mountain area with a snowgroomer</i> , or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
accreditation option:	Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA and industry.
moderation option:	A centrally established and directed national moderation system has been set up by Sport, Fitness and Recreation Industry Training Organisation.
special notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 It is a legal requirement of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999 to hold a Class 2 Driver Licence with a T endorsement when driving a snowgroomer on a snowsport area.2 All activities must comply with the policies, procedures, and requirements of the enterprises involved and any relevant environmental, legislative and/or regulatory requirements which include but are not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 (HSE), Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001, and their subsequent amendments and associated regulations.

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- 3 Definitions
Company or snowsport area policy and procedures are instructions to staff that may be documented and available for reference at each snowsport area in the form of an operations manual. *Service and operation manuals*, which provide the manufacturer's recommendations and operating instructions, are provided with each machine at time of purchase.
- 4 Information about snowgrooming patterns is generally learnt on-the-job from supervisors and experienced snowgroomer operators, and is sometimes available to staff working for the snowgrooming department of a snowsport area in the form of a company manual.

Elements and Performance Criteria

element 1

Identify grooming requirements for an event at a snowsport area.

performance criteria

- 1.1 Event requirements are determined in liaison with event organisers and snowsport area personnel.

Range: personnel may include but are not limited to – Chief of Course, race department, patrol, snow safety officer, terrain park staff, sponsors, events department.
- 1.2 A grooming schedule for the event is formulated taking into account the snowsport area and event organiser's requirements, and constraints that may affect the achievement of these outcomes.

Range: timing and location of event, snow depth and amount, personnel, machines and equipment, budget.

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element 2

Demonstrate grooming skills to create and maintain terrain for an event and a race course.

performance criteria

- 2.1 Safe work practices are followed during snowgrooming operation, and comply with company or snowsport area policy and procedures, with particular attention being paid to working around people.
- 2.2 A race course is groomed according to the requirements of the snowsport area and event organisers.
- 2.3 Terrain features are created and maintained for an event to meet the requirements of the snowsport area and event organisers.

Range: may include but is not limited to – half pipe, terrain park, boardercross, big air.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Sport, Fitness and Recreation Industry Training Organisation info@sfrito.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.

Please Note

Providers must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority or a delegated inter-institutional body before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for providers wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

This unit standard is covered by AMAP 0050 which can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/site/framework/search.html>.