

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate rescue procedures for sea kayaking on open water</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate rescue procedures for sea kayaking on open water.
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<b>Classification</b>	Outdoor Recreation > Canoeing - Kayaking
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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<b>Prerequisites</b>	Unit 19432, <i>Demonstrate sea kayaking skills on open water</i> , or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
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## Guidance Information

### 1 Definitions

*Assisted self-rescue* is one where additional equipment such as paddle, float, sling or stirrup is used to assist the sea kayaker.

*Open water* is water that is exposed to ocean seas or considerable fetch from at least one direction.

*Sea kayak* is a fully decked water craft designed for one or two paddlers (using double bladed paddles) in individual cockpits wearing spraydecks. It has a minimum of two bulkheads with watertight hatch covers, creating buoyancy compartments fore and aft, which ensures the craft floats level on capsize. Hull shape should be appropriate for sea conditions, i.e. fore and aft rocker and flared ends. It has a rudder or skeg for directional control and deck lines and toggles for safety.

*Unassisted self-rescue* is one where no additional equipment is used to assist the sea kayaker.

- 2 Assessment against this unit standard should be carried out under the following environmental conditions. Minimum environmental conditions should not be less than: surf of 0.5 metres, swell of one metre, current of three knots, winds of 15 knots. Maximum environmental conditions should not exceed: winds up to 30 knots, surf up to 1.5 metres, waves or swell up to 1.5 metres, current up to four knots. Water temperature must be above 10 degrees Celsius, and air temperature above 10 degrees Celsius.

- 3 All activities must comply with any relevant environmental, legislative and/or regulatory requirements set out in the *New Zealand Environmental Care Code*; *New Zealand Water Care Code*; Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992; Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001; the Sea Kayak Operators Association of New Zealand (SKOANZ), *Commercial Kayaking Operators' Code Of Conduct*, September 2011 available at [www.supportadventure.co.nz](http://www.supportadventure.co.nz); and their subsequent amendments. The *New Zealand Environmental Care Code*, and *New*

*Zealand Water Care Code* are available from the Department of Conservation, Head Office, PO Box 10420, Wellington 6143 or <http://www.doc.govt.nz/>.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Demonstrate rescue procedures for sea kayaking on open water.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 The sea kayak is rolled successfully and confidently in surf between waves with paddling position and readiness regained promptly on completion of the roll.
- 1.2 A paddle float self-rescue, ready to paddle within two minutes, is demonstrated.
- 1.3 An unassisted self-rescue, carried out within two minutes, is demonstrated.
- Range may include but is not limited to – re-entry, roll.
- 1.4 Towing is safe and efficient and deployed effectively with the kayak moving forward, tow rope releasable under load, and verbal contact maintained with the paddler in the towed craft at all times.
- Range quick response towing system, long distance towing system.
- 1.5 Rescues are carried out with people and equipment remaining in contact at all times, physical safety maintained, and the sea kayak stable on re-entry.
- Range in single kayak client is ready to kayak within two minutes; in a double kayak clients are ready to kayak within five minutes, with extra assistance (e.g. stirrup) given to one swimmer.
- 1.6 A competent swim of 50 metres is demonstrated while wearing sea kayak equipment and carrying a paddle.
- 1.7 Actions are prioritised and justified in relation to the prevailing conditions.
- Range method used, approach to upturned sea kayak, effectiveness, control of equipment.

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**This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.**

**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	16 December 2004	31 December 2022
Rollover and Revision	2	12 February 2010	31 December 2022
Review	3	25 July 2019	31 December 2022

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0099
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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