

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate top rope rock climbing and belaying skills on Ewbank Grade 14 and above</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate: belaying skills; and top rope climbing skills on at least three Ewbank Grade 14 and above climbs.
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<b>Classification</b>	Outdoor Recreation > Rock Climbing
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 All learning and assessment within this standard must be carried out in accordance with the following as relevant:
  - Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi principles of partnership, protection and participation;
  - relevant legislation including Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2016, Privacy Act 2020, Children’s Act 2014 and Human Rights Act 1993, and all subsequent amendments and associated regulations;
  - *The New Zealand Curriculum* and/or *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa*; EOTC Guidelines – Bringing the Curriculum Alive 2016;
  - industry guidelines, including any relevant Good Practice Guide, found at <http://www.supportadventure.co.nz/good-practice/good-practice-guidelines/> and Activity Specific Guidelines, found at <http://www.supportadventure.co.nz/good-practice/activity-safety-guidelines-2/>;
  - industry codes such as the Mountain Safety Council Land Safety Code, available from <https://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/land-safety-code/> and Leave No Trace principles and the Department of Conservation Climbing Care code, all available from <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/care-codes/>, and any relevant activity specific industry codes such as the NZAC Code of Conduct for Rock Climbers, found at <https://alpineclub.org.nz/rock-climbing/nzac-code-of-conduct-for-rock-climbers/>;
  - a Safety Management System (SMS) including organisational policies and procedures covering risk management, incident and emergency response, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE);
  - current industry good practice.
  
- 2 Range  
Climbs must be on natural rock routes at Ewbank Grade 14 and above.

- 3 The Ewbank system is used in Australia and New Zealand to grade the difficulty of rock climbs. It is an open-ended numerical system that starts at 1 (least difficult). A Grade 14 is a beginner climb.
- 4 Definition  
*Current industry good practice* means the range of actions currently accepted within the adventure and outdoor sector to manage the risk of harm to staff, participants, and others.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Demonstrate belaying skills.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Demonstrate effective management of rope systems as a belayer.  
 Range coiling, uncoiling, tying in, focused on climber rope needs.
- 1.2 Demonstrate care of equipment.
- 1.3 Demonstrate safe belay technique.  
 Range must include but is not limited to – belaying technique aligns with selected device, climbing calls, focus on the climber.

### Outcome 2

Demonstrate top rope climbing skills on at least three Ewbank Grade 14 and above climbs.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Select routes based on route descriptions and personal skill level.
- 2.2 Demonstrate balanced and efficient body movements and technique while climbing.  
 Range hand holds, weight transfer, foot placement.

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

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	29 October 2004	31 December 2023
Review	2	27 October 2006	31 December 2023
Revision	3	26 January 2007	31 December 2023
Review	4	28 October 2021	N/A

**Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference**

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

**Comments on this unit standard**

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