

Title	Demonstrate novice rock climbing and belaying skills on Ewbank Grade 12 and above		
Level	2	Credits	2

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate: safe practices for self and climber while belaying; and rock climbing skills on at least three Ewbank Grade 12 and above climbs.
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Classification	Outdoor Recreation > Rock Climbing
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Available grade	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/known-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 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 12 is a novice climb, Grade 13 to 16 are beginner climbs.

3 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.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate safe practices for self and climber while belaying.

Performance criteria

1.1 Complete safety checks prior to beginning belaying.

Range safe attachment, harness, helmet.

1.2 Use clear, concise communication throughout the climb.

1.3 Maintain focus on the climber.

1.4 Demonstrate safe belay technique.

1.5 Demonstrate care of equipment.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate rock climbing skills on at least three Ewbank Grade 12 and above climbs.

Performance criteria

2.1 Demonstrate the correct use of climbing equipment.

2.2 Demonstrate balanced body movements and technique while climbing.

Range hand holds, weight transfer, foot placement.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 445.
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Registration	1	29 October 2004	31 December 2023
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Review	3	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

Please contact the Skills Active Aotearoa info@skillsactive.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.