
AVALANCHE
**Demonstrate use of avalanche
transceivers, shovels and probes**

level:	2
credit:	1
planned review date:	June 2009
sub-field:	Snowsport
purpose:	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate use of avalanche transceivers, shovels and probes.
entry information:	Open.
accreditation option:	Evaluation of documentation 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 Scenarios or simulations may be required for the assessment against this unit standard.2 There are minimum assessor requirements for assessment against this unit standard. The details of these requirements are available on the Sfrito website http://www.sfrito.org.nz/.3 The avalanche transceiver to be located must be buried 30cm and located in an area 20 metres square.

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Elements and Performance Criteria

element 1

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performance criteria

- 1.1 Personal safety equipment is described in terms of its purpose, function, use, limitations, care and safety requirements.
- Range: must include – digital and analogue transceiver, shovel, probe.
- 1.2 Techniques for the correct and efficient use of a transceiver are demonstrated.
- Range: may include – digital or analogue transceiver battery check, correct place to wear it, controls, field lines, orientation, signal, grid, pinpoint, speed of search.
- 1.3 A buried transceiver is found in under four minutes.
- 1.4 Techniques for the correct and efficient use of shovels and probes are demonstrated.
- Range: search below last seen point;
probe – methodical and geometric pattern, spot probe, three step probe;
shovel – digging from down slope, chop.

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.

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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>.