

Title	Handle and maintain suspended scaffolding components		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	<p>People credited with this unit standard are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – identify suspended scaffolding components; – handle suspended scaffolding components safely; and – perform routine maintenance tasks on suspended scaffolding components.
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Classification	Lifting Equipment > Suspended Scaffolding
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 This unit standard has been developed for learning and assessment on-job or off-job in a simulated environment.
- 2 All tasks must be carried out in accordance with:
 - a quality management systems;
 - b designer's requirements and manufacturers' operating instructions; and legislation, regulations, bylaws, Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, and Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995;
 - c the most up to date version of the *Good Practice Guidelines - Scaffolding in New Zealand (GPG)*, 2016 available from <https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/working-at-height/scaffolding-in-new-zealand/>; and all subsequent amendments and replacements.
- 3 Definitions

Needle is a cantilevered structural member that supports a cantilevered scaffold or other structure.

Scaffolding as defined in the GPG and in the Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995.

Suspended scaffolding is as defined in the GPG and in the Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995. Note that a suspended scaffold is capable of being raised or lowered. A working platform that cannot be raised or lowered is classified as a hanging scaffold, not a suspended scaffold.
- 4 Training and assessment

Those undertaking assessment against this unit standard should note that work in the scaffolding industry usually takes place at heights well above ground level, and therefore requires a relevant level of physical fitness and ability to work at heights.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify suspended scaffolding components.

Performance criteria

1.1 Identify suspended scaffolding components.

Range includes but is not limited to – needles, clamps, weights, stage and associated components, rope, shackles, proprietary components.

Outcome 2

Handle suspended scaffolding components safely.

Range on the ground and at height.

Performance criteria

2.1 Bundle suspended scaffolding components.

Range may include but is not limited to – rope securely coiled, equipment strapped in bundles able to be loaded and unloaded readily with available labour, equipment secured against movement in transit, proprietary components grouped and strapped.

2.2 Lift suspended scaffolding components.

Range may include but is not limited to – straight back, lifting with the legs, use of mechanical aids where possible and practical, working in pairs or as a team.

2.3 Stack suspended scaffolding components.

Range may include but is not limited to – components grouped on-site for efficient use, excess strapping removed to facilitate efficient transfer of components (up or down).

2.4 Move suspended scaffolding components.

Range may include but is not limited to – straight back, optimum positioning of load for efficient movement, awareness of personal limitations, use of mechanical aids where possible and practical, working in pairs or as a team.

Outcome 3

Perform routine maintenance tasks on suspended scaffolding components.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Identify components in need of maintenance.
- 3.2 Notify the appropriate person of components in need of maintenance.
- 3.3 Perform routine maintenance on components.

Replacement information	This unit standard, unit standard 26592, unit standard 26593 and unit standard 26594 replaced unit standard 4204, unit standard 4205, and unit standard 4207.
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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 Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council qualifications@waihangaararau.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.