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| <b>Title</b> | <b>Assist the master of a vessel engaged in scuba and snorkel diving</b> |                |           |
| <b>Level</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>Credits</b> | <b>20</b> |

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| <b>Purpose</b> | People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe recreational scuba and snorkel diving; demonstrate knowledge of vessels used for recreational and occupational diving activities; and assist the master of a vessel engaged in scuba and snorkel diving. |
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| <b>Classification</b> | Diving > Diving - General |
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| <b>Available grade</b> | Achieved |
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| <b>Prerequisites</b> | A current first aid certificate and proof of training in the use of emergency oxygen in diving related incidents or accidents. |
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### Guidance Information

- 1 All learning and assessment leading to this unit standard must be carried out in accordance with the following as relevant:
  - legislation including the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Health and Safety at Work (General Risk and Workplace Management) Regulations 2016, Accident Compensation Act 2001, Maritime Transport Act 1994, Maritime Rules, and subsequent amendments;
  - *Working Safely in the Occupational Diving, Snorkelling, and Free-Diving Industries – A Guide for PCBUs* (WorkSafe, March 2020) and any supplementary publications, or any subsequent editions;
  - *Guide to gas cylinders – Approving, Testing, Filling, handling and Storage of Gas Containers, Valves and Fittings* (WorkSafe, February 2020);
  - industry technical and safety criteria.
- 2 Definitions
 

*Industry technical and safety criteria* refer to dive instruction, supervision and performance being carried out in accordance with the standards, procedures and training materials of the respective dive training agency. The agency must meet or exceed the World Recreational Scuba Training Council training standards.

*Vessel* refers to any form of watercraft and is sometimes used in maritime circles interchangeably with the word ship.
- 3 Assessment against this unit standard may be undertaken in simulated conditions.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe recreational scuba and snorkel diving.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe entry level scuba and snorkel diving knowledge.
- 1.2 Describe dive cylinder transportation, storage and use.
- 1.3 Describe the supervision of certified divers when diving from a vessel.

### Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of vessels used for recreational and occupational diving activities.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe common parts, fittings and operational areas of a vessel in terms of their location, name, and function.
- 2.2 Identify directions within a vessel, directions beyond a vessel and position relative to the wind.
- 2.3 Describe the application and purpose of dive specific equipment on a vessel.

### Outcome 3

Assist the master of a vessel engaged in scuba and snorkel diving.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Assist the master of the vessel when it is being prepared for sea.
- 3.2 Assist the master of the vessel by conducting an orientation and familiarisation briefing for the vessel.
- 3.3 Assist the master of the vessel when it is en route to a dive site.
- 3.4 Assist the master of the vessel prior to, during and after a dive.
- 3.5 Assist the master of the vessel using ropes, knots and hitches.

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| <b>Replacement information</b> | This unit standard replaced unit standard 4404. |
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| <b>Planned review date</b> | 31 December 2025 |
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#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

| Process      | Version | Date             | Last Date for Assessment |
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| Registration | 1       | 20 November 2014 | 31 December 2022         |
| Review       | 2       | 25 March 2021    | N/A                      |

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| <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>.

#### Comments on this unit standard

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