

Title	Demonstrate and apply knowledge of introductory caving skills		
Level	4	Credits	15

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is intended for people who provide introductory caving experiences for groups.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate and apply knowledge of caving gear and equipment; and demonstrate personal caving skills.</p>
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Classification	Outdoor Recreation > Caving
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 All learning and assessment against this standard must be carried out in accordance with the following:
 - relevant legislation including Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and Human Rights Act 1993, Vulnerable Children Act 2014 and The Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2016;
 - Caving Activity Safety Guideline published by WorkSafe New Zealand and subsequent updates;
 - industry Codes including the Caving Code of Ethics, the Outdoor Safety Code, and 'Leave No Trace' principles;
 - a recognised and approved safety management system including organisational policies and procedures including Emergency Action Plans (EAPs), Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), incident response management plans and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE);
 - relevant industry publications.
 - current industry good practice.
- 2 Definitions

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 visitors.

Gear includes clothing and footwear.
- 3 Further information regarding industry guidelines, key definitions and other relevant information can be found within the Caving programme guidance document. This document should be consulted when developing learning or assessment against this unit standard. It can be found at www.skillsactive.org.nz

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate and apply knowledge of caving gear and equipment.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Select and justify the necessary gear, equipment, nutrition and hydration for caving.
- Range gear advantages and limitations, terrain, temperature, protection and personal needs.
- 1.2 Describe communication devices and processes commonly used for caving in New Zealand and explain the advantages and limitations for a specific location.
- 1.3 Describe strategies to minimise wear, to check for damage and meet storage needs of personal gear or equipment.
- 1.4 Demonstrate use of necessary caving gear and equipment.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate personal caving skills.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Demonstrate personal caving skills in terms of movement that maintains balance while working as part of a group.
- 2.2 Demonstrate the construction and use of a simple handline using pre-placed rigging.
- 2.3 Demonstrate safe assistance techniques.
- 2.4 Monitor the weather and water flow levels and modify trip as required in response to any changes.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	23 November 2017	N/A

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	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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