

Title	Demonstrate and apply knowledge of multi-pitch rock climbing skills on routes up to Ewbank Grade 20		
Level	6	Credits	12

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is intended for people who possess knowledge of multi-pitch rock climbing skills on routes up to Ewbank Grade 20.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate and apply knowledge of the use and maintenance of multi-pitch rock climbing equipment commonly used in New Zealand; demonstrate multi-pitch rock climbing skills on routes up to Ewbank Grade 20; and perform multi-pitch climbing rescues.</p>
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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 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's Act 2014 and Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2016;
 - relevant Activity Safety Guideline published by WorkSafe New Zealand and subsequent updates;
 - industry Codes including the NZAC code of Conduct for Rock Climbers <https://alpineclub.org.nz/>, 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);
 - current industry good practice.
- 2 **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 visitors.
- 3 Evidence towards performance criterion 3.3 can be collected under simulated conditions.

- 4 Further information regarding industry guidelines, key definitions and other relevant information can be found within the Abseil and Rock 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 the use and maintenance of multi-pitch rock climbing equipment commonly used in New Zealand.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Summarise the development, trends and use of rock climbing equipment in use in New Zealand.
- 1.2 Perform general maintenance and repairs of commonly used rock climbing equipment.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate multi-pitch rock climbing skills on routes up to Ewbank Grade 20.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Demonstrate controlled movement while multi-pitched rock climbing.
- 2.2 Demonstrate multi-pitch lead climbing skills.
- Range includes – placing protection, lead belaying and bringing a second up.
- 2.3 Construct multi-directional anchor systems used for multi-pitch climbing.
- 2.4 Construct a multi-pitched abseil system.

Outcome 3

Perform multi-pitch climbing rescues.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Release a weighted belay device.
- 3.2 Perform rope rescues for multi-pitched climbing.
- Range includes – escaping the system, abseiling to the climber, assisted and unassisted hoist.
- 3.3 Perform multi-pitched abseil with a frightened or injured climber.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	25 January 2018	31 December 2026
Review	2	25 July 2024	31 December 2026

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>.