

Title	Instruct or guide multi-pitched rock climbing		
Level	6	Credits	13

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is intended for people who instruct or guide multi-pitched rock climbing.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare to instruct or guide multi-pitched rock climbing; manage a group in a multi-pitch rock climbing area; critique and manage group safety procedures for multi-pitch rock climbing; teach multi-pitch rock climbing skills; and facilitate participant's awareness of environmental and cultural practices, and educate them on rock climbing related organisations in New Zealand.</p>
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Classification	Outdoor Recreation > Rock Climbing
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 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 New Zealand Alpine Club (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.
- 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.
- 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

Prepare to instruct or guide multi-pitched rock climbing.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Perform pre-climbing checks of gear and equipment to ensure suitability for planned venue and weather.
- 1.2 Prepare and brief participants including intended outcomes, weather, safety and pre-trip assessment of climber's ability.

Outcome 2

Manage a group in a multi-pitch rock climbing area.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Apply a range of group management techniques to organise, motivate and engage group and individuals.
- 2.2 Establish rapport and demonstrate a range of leadership styles appropriate to the group and situation.
- 2.3 Manage and monitor participants' physical and emotional well being throughout the rock climbing.

Range includes – nutrition and hydration needs.

Outcome 3

Critique and manage group safety procedures and systems for multi-pitch rock climbing.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Apply risk management strategies during a given climbing trip and adjust plans as required.
- 3.2 Critique risk management procedures and strategies for a given climbing area or organisation.
- 3.3 Manage and control a rock climbing emergency situation including providing first response in cases of an accident or injury.

Outcome 4

Teach multi-pitch rock climbing skills.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Teach skill progressions in a logical sequence.
- Range includes – clear demonstrations, explanations, individual critiquing, feedback, fine-tuning and site selection.
- 4.2 Apply a range of pedagogical practices to teach multi-pitched rock climbing.
- 4.3 Teach participants route selection and route finding skills.
- 4.4 Teach placing active, passive and natural protection.
- 4.5 Teach multi-pitched ascending and descending.
- 4.6 Analyse and critique, and provide feedback on climbers' movement technique.

Outcome 5

Facilitate participants' awareness of environmental and cultural practices, and educate them on rock climbing related organisations in New Zealand.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 Educate participants about the New Zealand Alpine Club (NZAC) and responsibilities to landowners and other users including access protocols and issues.
- 5.2 Facilitate participants' understanding of the principles of the New Zealand Alpine Club's (NZAC) Code of Conduct for Rock Climbers and any other accepted environmentally sustainable principles.
- Range includes – respect for the tikanga and kawa of local iwi and/or hapū.

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

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.