

Title	Apply serious incident management skills as a senior raft guide for Grade 3 rivers		
Level	6	Credits	13

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: analyse organisational policies and procedures for the management of a serious incident on Grade 3 rivers; apply serious incident management skills as a senior raft guide leading a multi raft trip on Grade 3 rivers.
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Classification	Outdoor Recreation > Rafting
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Available grade	Achieved
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Prerequisites	<p>Unit 31708, <i>Demonstrate raft guiding skills and techniques for Grade 3 river trips</i>; Unit 31713, <i>Prepare, guide and evaluate a raft trip</i>; Unit 31727, <i>Apply knowledge of river rescue skills and techniques for Grade 3 rivers</i>; or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.</p> <p>The awarding of this standard requires successful completion of a New Zealand Rivers Association for Professional Guides (NZRA) River Rescue Workshop, Whitewater Rescue Technician (WRT2) or River Rescue Certification for Professionals (RRC-PRO) or NZRA recognised equivalents. This workshop must have been completed within the last 18 months.</p>
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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, Human Rights Act 1993, Children's Act 2014, Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2016;
 - industry Codes of Conduct, such as the Mountain Safety Council Land Safety Code available from [NZ Land Safety Code — NZMSC \(mountainsafety.org.nz\)](https://mountainsafety.org.nz) and 'Leave No Trace' principles available from <https://leavenotrace.org.nz>;
 - a recognised and approved Safety Management System (SMS) including organisational policies and procedures, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), incident response management plans and the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);
 - current industry good practice.

- 2 Classification of river grading systems as stated in the WorkSafe NZ June 2020, Good Practice Guideline, *White Water Rafting: Guidance for Commercial Rafting Operators*, available from <https://worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/adventure-activities/white-water-rafting> Section 3.0. Managing risk: the river environment.

Grade 3 rapids

Characteristics

- have fairly high waves of 1 to 2 metres,
- broken water, stoppers and strong eddies, exposed rocks and small falls,
- a passage that may be difficult to recognise from the river, and
- require manoeuvring to negotiate the rapids.

- 3 Definitions

Current industry good practice means the range of actions currently accepted within the adventure and outdoor sector (which includes the raft and riverboard industries) to manage the risk of harm to staff, participants, and visitors.

Multi raft trip means a raft trip consisting of two or more commercial rafts

Serious incident refers to a serious on-river injury or incident

- 4 Evidence towards Outcome 2 can be collected under simulated conditions.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Analyse organisational policies and procedures for the management of a serious incident on Grade 3 rivers.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Analyse organisational policies and procedures for the management of a serious on-river injury or incident on Grade 3 rivers in terms of industry good practice.

Range	may include but is not limited to – communication, roles and responsibilities, on-river search, first aid considerations, evacuation from river; rescue authorities, fatality management, debrief considerations, reporting.
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Outcome 2

Apply serious incident management skills as a senior raft guide leading a multi raft trip on Grade 3 rivers.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Role model skills for serious incident management expected of a senior raft guide leading a multi raft trip on Grade 3 rivers.

Range	technical guiding skills, effective manoeuvring of raft for rescue, personal swimming and throwing.
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2.2 Manage a tethered raft rescue as a senior raft guide on a Grade 3 river.

Range attachment points, dynamic movement in raft.

2.3 Manage a river rescue scenario as a senior raft guide on a Grade 3 river.

Range may include but is not limited to – stabilisation lines, cinches, tethered rescuer.

2.4 Apply leadership skills during a raft emergency river rescue as a senior raft guide leading a multi raft trip on Grade 3 rivers.

Range leadership skills must include but are not limited to – prioritising risk, clear communication, safety and management of participants and guides, delegation of roles, responsibilities and tasks, maintaining an overview of the situation, being flexible when faced with sudden environmental change, ensuring the situation does not escalate, achieving a resolution.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 26518.
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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 Toi Mai Workforce Development Council qualifications@toimai.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.