

Title	Train and critique raft guides		
Level	6	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: train and critique raft guides in raft guiding skills; train and critique raft guides in river rescue; critique and update organisational safety and training procedures for rafting trips.
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Classification	Outdoor Recreation > Rafting
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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, 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 Definition
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.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Train and critique raft guides in raft guiding skills.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Train raft guides in the delivery of safety briefings and in the instruction of the skills required to participate in the raft river trip.
- Range must include – client screening;
may also include – foot entrapment, aggressive swim position, pull into raft, throw bag rescue, T-grip rescue, defensive float position, specific river hazards, river signals, raft flip potential.
- 1.2 Train raft guides in rapid management skills and techniques including on-river scouting, communication and signals.
- 1.3 Train raft guides in the use of river etiquette with other users.
- 1.4 Critique raft guides on their guiding performance and provide constructive feedback for improvements in their practice.

Outcome 2

Train and critique raft guides in river rescue.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Train raft guides in whitewater rafting hazard and emergency management.
- 2.2 Train raft guides in rope systems and skills used in whitewater river rescue situations.
- Range may include – anchors, rope rescue knots, bends and hitches.
- 2.3 Train raft guides in effective throw-bag rescues.
- Range may include – deploying full length of throw bag accurately, 10 metre coil throw, static and dynamic belay technique.
- 2.4 Critique raft guides on their performance of river rescue skills and provide constructive feedback for improvements in their practice.

Outcome 3

Critique and update organisational safety and training procedures for rafting trips.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Critique organisational river safety and training procedures.
- 3.2 Update hazard and risk procedures, risk register and training procedures in response to findings.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	24 September 2020	31 December 2026
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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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