

Title	Demonstrate and apply knowledge and skills for introductory canoeing on flat water		
Level	4	Credits	15

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is intended for people who lead canoeing activities on flat water.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate and apply knowledge of canoeing gear and equipment; and demonstrate introductory canoeing skills for flat water.</p>
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Classification	Outdoor Recreation > Canoeing - Kayaking
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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, as relevant:
 - relevant legislation including Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Human Rights Act 1993, Vulnerable Children Act 2014 and Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2016 and subsequent amendments;
 - relevant Activity Safety Guidelines published by Worksafe New Zealand; <https://www.supportadventure.co.nz/good-practice/activity-safety-guidelines-2/>;
 - industry Codes including the *Outdoor Safety Code*, *Kayaking/Canoeing Care Code*, *Water Care Code* and *Leave No Trace* principles available at <https://www.doc.govt.nz/>;
 - a recognised and approved safety management system including organisational policies and procedures including Emergency Action Plans (EAPs), Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE);
 - relevant industry publications and 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.

Flat water means flat or sheltered water, including estuaries, river deltas, sheltered beaches, lakes, coastal inlets and swimming pools, when the wind strength and direction do not compromise the safety and purpose of the activity. Currents may be present when the flow and the hazards pose no greater risk than flat water.

- 3 Further information regarding industry guidelines, key definitions and other relevant information can be found within the Canoeing 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 canoeing gear and equipment.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Select gear and equipment for canoeing activities, and justify the selection.
- Range in terms of – advantages, limitations, location, season, weather and personal needs.
- 1.2 Describe advantages and limitations of commonly used communication devices for canoeing in New Zealand.
- 1.3 Describe strategies to minimise wear, check for damage and meet storage needs of any personal gear and equipment.
- 1.4 Describe different types of canoes including shape, construction materials and considerations for buoyancy.
- 1.5 Carry out basic canoe maintenance, adjustments and repairs.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate introductory canoeing skills for flat water.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Demonstrate introductory canoeing skills on flat water.
- Range includes but is not limited to – launching and landing, forward, reverse paddling, pry and draw strokes from all quadrants of the canoe, control from bow and stern, manoeuvring and turning the canoe, enter and exit eddy, ferry gliding in current or wind, switching positions on water.
- 2.2 Demonstrate effective rescue techniques during canoeing.
- Range situations include but are not limited to – self re-entry from swamped or inverted canoe, participant rescues, use of throw bag, canoe tow.
- 2.3 Demonstrate safe carrying and transportation of a canoe.
- 2.4 Monitor changes in the weather and modify the canoeing activity as required.

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 July 2019	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>.