

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

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is intended for people who lead introductory whitewater kayaking activities on flat water.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of whitewater kayaking gear and equipment; and demonstrate introductory whitewater kayaking 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.

PFD means personal flotation device.

- 3 Further information regarding industry guidelines, key definitions and other relevant information can be found within the whitewater kayaking 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 knowledge of whitewater kayaking gear and equipment.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Select gear and equipment for whitewater kayaking 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 whitewater kayaking in New Zealand.
- 1.3 Describe strategies to minimise wear, check for damage and meet storage needs of any gear and equipment.
- 1.4 Describe different types of whitewater kayaks including shape, construction materials, and common use.
- 1.5 Describe common whitewater kayak and equipment maintenance, adjustments and repairs.
- Range may include but is not limited to – foot-pegs, spray deck, PFD, drain bungs, air bags, seat, backrest, spray deck.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate introductory whitewater kayaking skills for flat water.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Demonstrate introductory whitewater kayaking skills on flat water.
- Range must include but is not limited to – appropriate water entry, forward and reverse paddling, forward and reverse sweep strokes, draw strokes, support strokes, stopping, manoeuvring the whitewater kayak;
may include – forward and reverse ferry glide, eddy turns.

2.2 Demonstrate effective rescues techniques during whitewater kayaking on flat water.

Range must include – wet exit with spray deck, swim with kayak and paddle, deep water X rescue, boat tow of swimmer with their kayak and paddle, all in rescue of self and three participants; may include – use of towline.

2.3 Demonstrate safe carrying and transportation of a whitewater kayak.

2.4 Monitor changes in the weather and modify the whitewater kayaking activity as required.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 20126.
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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	25 July 2019	N/A

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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