

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate knowledge and skills for intermediate whitewater kayaking on Class 2 and Class 3 water</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is intended for people who provide intermediate whitewater kayaking on Class 2 and Class 3 water.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate and apply knowledge of whitewater kayaking, gear and equipment commonly used in New Zealand; perform a range of whitewater kayak maintenance, repairs or adjustments; and demonstrate intermediate whitewater kayaking skills on Class 2 and Class 3 water.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Outdoor Recreation > Canoeing - Kayaking
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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<b>Prerequisites</b>	Industry requires candidates to complete a River Rescue 1 or equivalent course on a Class 2 river prior to presenting for assessment against this unit standard.
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## Guidance Information

- 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

*Class 2 water* has easy rapids with waves up to one metre. Clear channels obvious without scouting. The ability to move your craft across the current is not necessary.

*Class 3 water* has rapids with high, irregular waves and narrow passages. The ability to spin and manoeuvre craft is necessary.

*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.

*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](http://www.skillsactive.org.nz).

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Demonstrate and apply knowledge of whitewater kayaking, gear and equipment commonly used in New Zealand.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe and compare features of whitewater kayaks commonly in use in New Zealand.
- 1.2 Describe and compare the types of whitewater kayaking gear and equipment commonly used in New Zealand.
- Range includes comparison of cost, advantages and limitations, maintenance and storage.
- 1.3 Demonstrate the use of whitewater kayaking gear and equipment, appropriate to the location, season and weather.
- 1.4 Justify the selection of tools and repair kit items carried while whitewater kayaking.

### Outcome 2

Perform a range of whitewater kayak maintenance, repairs or adjustments.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Perform a range of whitewater kayak and equipment maintenance, repairs or adjustments.
- Range: may include – kayaks, foot-pegs, PFD, paddles, paddle jackets, air bags, spray deck.

- 2.2 Make on-trip improvised emergency repairs and adjustments as required to whitewater kayak and equipment.

### Outcome 3

Demonstrate intermediate whitewater kayaking skills on Class 2 and Class 3 water.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Demonstrate whitewater kayaking skills on Class 2 and Class 3 water.

Range class 3 must include – reliable roll, controlled river running.  
class 2 must include – efficient and effective paddling techniques in forward, reverse, sweeps, draw strokes, bracing, edging; sweep roll both sides; carving eddy turns; forward and reverse ferry gliding; safe and efficient river running including choice of lines.

- 3.2 Demonstrate river rescue skills on Class 2 water.

Range must include two rescues of Bow Rescue, H assist, Barrel Roll; bow or stern deck carry, tow, deep water rescue, management techniques without towline.

- 3.3 Demonstrate use of tow-line and throw bag.

Range must include capsized, release and roll; assisted ferry glide; kayak and paddle tow; rescue of an unconscious swimmer; throw bag rescue; vector pull; stabilisation line; release line; zip line; recoil of throw bag; set up hauling system, Z- drag or 3:1 system with a pin kit (simulated).

- 3.4 Describe methods for dealing with foot entrapments.

- 3.5 Demonstrate navigation skills to determine present position on a map and to estimate distance and route for a given section of a trip.

<b>Planned review date</b>	31 December 2024
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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

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0099
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

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