

Title	Work at height in the construction industry under supervision		
Level	3	Credits	6

Purpose	People credited with standard can, under supervision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access a work site and set up work area for working at height in construction under supervision; • use fall protection equipment; and • work at height.
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Classification	Construction Trades > Carpentry
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Scope of practice**
Working under supervision means the ability to work to construction workplace standards under the supervision of a commercially competent practitioner whose role is to ensure the completed construction meets industry and regulatory requirements. This standard does not recognise commercial competence.
- 2 Assessment**
 This unit standard must be assessed under the supervision of a commercially competent practitioner in construction workplace conditions that reflect:

 - current health, safety, industry, and workplace requirements; and
 - industry requirements for commercially acceptable timeframes.

Evidence generated for assessment against this standard must be verified by a person who has current expertise in the building and construction trades and has had the opportunity to regularly observe the candidate in the workplace.
- 3 Definition**
Work at height in construction means work in any place where, if precautions were not taken, a person could fall a distance liable to cause personal injury. A person is working at height if they:

 - undertake work above ground or floor level;
 - could fall from an edge through an opening or fragile surface; or
 - could fall from ground level into an opening in a floor or a hole in the ground.

4 Range

Evidence generated for assessment against this standard must reflect workplace and industry requirements specified in:

- documented worksite specifications, procedures, and practices;
- manufacturer recommendations, specifications, and technical data sheets;
- Best practice guidelines for working at height in New Zealand.

Evidence generated for assessment against this standard must reflect the requirements of:

- Building Act 2004
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Building Regulations 1992
- Building (Forms) Regulations 2004
- Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995.

5 Reference

Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment. (2019). *Best practice guidelines for working at height in New Zealand*. Available from <https://worksafe.govt.nz/>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Access a work site and set up work area for working at height in construction under supervision.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify the work site and approved access method using site documentation.
- 1.2 Move plant and materials into the work area. Minimise any requirement to remove scaffold components and carry materials on ladders. Minimise bending and twisting in pass-up situations and opportunities for objects to fall.

Range plant includes – any machinery, vehicle, vessel, aircraft, equipment (including personal protective equipment), appliance, container, implement, or tool; any component of any of those things; anything fitted or connected to any of those things; personal protective equipment includes – anything used or worn by a person (including clothing) to minimise risks to the person's health and safety; air-supplied respiratory equipment.

- 1.3 Place plant and materials in the work area to minimise the risk of accident or injury by falling objects.

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Outcome 2

Use fall protection equipment under supervision.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify fall protection equipment requirements using the site safety plan. Check the required equipment is available and address any non-compliance.
- 2.2 Fit, adjust, and anchor fall protection equipment.
- 2.3 When changing work area, adjust the fall protection equipment to maintain safety, stability, and compliance with worksite safety and regulatory requirements.

Outcome 3

Work at height under supervision.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 When at height, maintain compliance with worksite safety and regulatory requirements. Address any issues of non-compliance as they arise.
- 3.2 Monitor scaffolding components, work platforms, and fall barriers during work. Address any issues of non-compliance with worksite safety and regulatory requirements as they arise.
- 3.3 Monitor work area and vicinity for compliance with worksite safety and regulatory requirements. Address any issues of non-compliance as they arise.
- 3.4 Complete egress from work area.

Range self, plant, materials;
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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 the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation at national.office@bcito.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.