

Title	Describe driving hazards and crash risk reduction strategies and responses to driving hazards		
Level	2	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: driving hazards; and the use of crash risk reduction strategies while driving.
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Classification	Driving > Core Driving Knowledge and Skills
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation, regulations and/or industry standards relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to the:
Land Transport Act 1998;
The *Learning System for Driving Instructors* (LSFDI) (2015) available from Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/learning-systems-driving-instructors/docs/learning-systems-for-driving-instructors.pdf>;
Information about the road code and rules for other road users can be found at [Roadcode](#) and [Code for cycling](#).

Any new, amended or replacement Acts, regulations, standards, codes of practice, guidelines, or authority requirements or conditions affecting this unit standard will take precedence for assessment purposes, pending review of this unit standard.

- 2 **Definitions**
A *hazard* is any situation which contains an element of actual or potential danger or risk which must be negotiated while driving a vehicle (LSFDI). All hazards arise from the six driving conditions (traffic, driver, vehicle, light, weather, road). Hazards pose a clear and direct threat to a driver who is carrying out one of the seven driving manoeuvres. Examples include other vehicles, pedestrians, children playing on the side of the road, cyclists.
Risk reduction strategies are situational awareness, and gap selection methods and management.
- 3 **Assessment information**
Assessment for this unit standard can be carried out by using learning aids, for example photographs, or a simulated exercise.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe driving hazards.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Driving hazards are described in terms of crash risks that arise from the six driving conditions.

Outcome 2

Describe the use of crash risk reduction strategies while driving.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Techniques for dealing with driving hazards are described in terms of reducing crash risk.

Range observance of traffic regulations, hazard action plan, observation techniques, system of vehicle control.

- 2.2 Driver distractions are described in terms of their effects on driving and crash risk.

Range three distractions while driving, which may include – fatigue, technology use, external distractions, adjusting vehicle controls, eating or drinking, smoking, talking.

- 2.3 Time and space management are described in terms of how they reduce the level of crash risk.

Range judging speed, judging distance, anticipating the behaviour of other traffic.

- 2.4 The road codes and rules other road users are being observed and are described in terms of how they impact on driving and crash risk.

Range other road users must include cyclists and may include – pedestrians, tractors or other farm equipment, over dimension vehicles, motorcyclists, horses; must include but is not limited to – passing, following distances, other road users' understanding of your vehicle and its limitations.

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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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