

Title	Demonstrate crossing rivers		
Level	3	Credits	2

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of river features and hazards; and cross rivers safely.
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Classification	Outdoor Recreation > Tramping
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 All learning and assessment within this standard must be carried out in accordance with the following as relevant:
 - Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi principles of partnership, protection and participation;
 - relevant legislation including Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2016, Privacy Act 2020, Children’s Act 2014 and Human Rights Act 1993, and all subsequent amendments and associated regulations;
 - *The New Zealand Curriculum* and/or *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa*; EOTC Guidelines – Bringing the Curriculum Alive 2016;
 - industry guidelines, including any relevant Good Practice Guide, found at <http://www.supportadventure.co.nz/good-practice/good-practice-guidelines/> and Activity Specific Guidelines, found at <http://www.supportadventure.co.nz/good-practice/activity-safety-guidelines-2/>;
 - industry codes such as the Mountain Safety Council Land Safety Code, available from <https://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/land-safety-code/> and Leave No Trace principles and relevant Care codes, all available from <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/know-before-you-go/care-codes/>, and any relevant activity specific industry codes;
 - a Safety Management System (SMS) including organisational policies and procedures covering risk management, incident and emergency response, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE);
 - current industry good practice.
- 2 **Range**
Two river locations with different characteristics must be crossed.
- 3 **Assessment**
When demonstrating self-rescue skills additional safety equipment may be used by the candidate including life jacket, wetsuit, and helmet. The instructor must have a throw bag ready for safety.

River crossings must be completed using a current method of crossing, found at <https://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/learn/skills/river-safety/>.

4 Definition

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 others.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of river features and hazards.

Performance criteria

1.1 Identify river features.

Range may include but is not limited to – eddies, channels, holes, current.

1.2 Describe potential hazards of river crossing.

Outcome 2

Cross rivers safely.

Performance criteria

2.1 Demonstrate river crossing techniques.

Range solo, mutual support.

2.2 Demonstrate retreat from a partial river crossing.

2.3 Demonstrate self-rescue skills in a simulated river crossing failure.

Range pack floating, swimming.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	1 October 1993	31 December 2023
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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>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Skills Active Aotearoa info@skillsactive.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.