
RAFTING
**Demonstrate rafting skills on sheltered
or slow-moving water**

level:	2
credit:	3
final date for comment:	March 2009
expiry date:	December 2010
sub-field:	Outdoor Recreation
purpose:	<p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: select clothing and equipment appropriate for rafting; demonstrate care for rafting equipment; demonstrate basic rafting skills on sheltered or slow-moving water; participate in safety and rescue procedures; and demonstrate an understanding for the care of self, others, and the environment.</p> <p>This unit standard recognises basic recreational rafting skills. It does not form part of a National Raft Guide Award.</p>
entry information:	Open.
accreditation option:	Evaluation of documentation by NZQA and industry.
moderation option:	A centrally established and directed national moderation system has been set up by the Sport, Fitness and Recreation Industry Training Organisation – Outdoor Recreation Advisory Group.
special notes:	1 <i>Sheltered water</i> is water protected from the effects of wind and wave action.

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- 2 All activities must comply with the policies and requirements of the enterprise involved and any relevant legislative and/or regulatory requirements which include but are not limited to: *New Zealand Environmental Care Code*, *New Zealand Water Care Code*, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation Act 2001, Maritime Safety Authority Rule Part 80; and their subsequent amendments. The *New Zealand Environmental Care Code* and *New Zealand Water Care Code* are available from the Department of Conservation, Head Office, PO Box 10420, Wellington.
- 3 There are minimum assessor requirements for assessment of this unit standard. The details of these requirements are available on the Sfrito website <http://www.sfrito.org.nz/>.

Elements and Performance Criteria

element 1

Select clothing and equipment appropriate for rafting.

performance criteria

- 1.1 Clothing and personal equipment are selected for rafting, and its selection justified.

Range: must include but is not limited to – oar, paddle, raft, helmet, buoyancy vest, wetsuit;
justification may include but is not limited to – protection, insulation, comfort.
- 1.2 Clothing and personal equipment are fitted correctly.

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element 2

Demonstrate care for rafting equipment.

performance criteria

- 2.1 The raft is carried to, launched and retrieved from the water without damage to the raft or fittings.
- 2.2 Getting into and out of the raft is demonstrated safely and correctly at the bank.

element 3

Demonstrate basic rafting skills on sheltered or slow-moving water.

performance criteria

- 3.1 Effective forward and backward paddling strokes are demonstrated.
- 3.2 Controlled turns are performed.
- 3.3 The raft is brought to a stop from a fast paddle, within two boat lengths.
- 3.4 Obstacles are avoided by using appropriate strokes.

element 4

Participate in safety and rescue procedures.

performance criteria

- 4.1 Knowledge of safety equipment and group gear is demonstrated.

Range: throw bag, repair kit, first aid kit, Personal Floating Device, helmets.
- 4.2 A capsize and escape is demonstrated from a raft.
- 4.3 The rescue of other paddlers is undertaken with assistance.

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element 5

Demonstrate an understanding for the care of self, others, and the environment.

performance criteria

- 5.1 Potential first aid problems associated with flat water and methods for avoiding them are described.
- Range: hypothermia, drowning, cold water immersion, cramps, sunburn, blisters.
- 5.2 Landowners, their private property, and other users of the water environment are treated with respect and in accordance with the New Zealand Environmental Care Code and New Zealand Water Care Code.
- 5.3 All forms of waste are disposed of with care and sensitivity.
- Range: litter, food, water, toilet waste.
- 5.4 Support and encouragement is given to other paddlers in the group.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Sport, Fitness, and Recreation Industry Training Organisation info@srito.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.

Please Note

Providers must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority or a delegated inter-institutional body before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

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Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for providers wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

This unit standard is covered by AMAP 0102 which can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/site/framework/search.html>.