



Adventure & Outdoor Update

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SAFETY SYSTEMS DRIVEN BY SAFETY CULTURE



Congratulations to registered operators!

Congratulations to the more than 50 operators already registered on the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment's register of adventure activity operators. [Click here](#) to view the register.

Audits

Preparing for your audit

The better prepared you are, the more likely you will pass your audit with minimum fuss.

First and most importantly, get your safety systems and your safety management plan in order. If you need help, options include using [SupportAdventure](#), contacting other operators for advice, and using a safety consultant to help you prepare a plan or to review your existing plan. Check your plan against the safety audit standard. OutdoorsMark will do its best to coordinate with other providers of similar activities in your area to schedule audits over consecutive days so you can share the cost of auditor travel and accommodation. Think about how this could work for your area.

Auditor recruitment

OutdoorsMark is recruiting auditors and technical experts for adventure activity safety auditing. It is in particular need of qualified and experienced professionals in the following adventure activities:

- whitewater kayaking
- sea kayaking
- off road vehicles (quad bikes, trail bikes and 4WD)
- scuba diving
- all other activities in key geographic areas



Photo: Dive! Tutukaka

Expressions of interest are welcome from people who would like to be auditors or technical experts on the OutdoorsMark team, on a full-time, part-time or casual basis. Please call or email Ginette Harborne on 04 3857287 or ginette@outdoorsnz.org.nz

Safety auditor qualification

[Skills Active Aotearoa](#) has received approval from NZQA to develop a new qualification for safety auditing. This qualification is intended for those responsible for auditing safety management systems in recreation organisations that come under the adventure activities regulations. It expects at least 30 auditors to be registered with the new qualification by the end of 2014.

Outdoors NZ and TIA have made submissions on the qualification, which is being developed in conjunction with a working group made up of government and private sector representatives. [Click here](#) for more information and to view the draft qualification and unit standards.

Need help on your safety management plan or systems?

It's fantastic to see so many operators leading by example and sharing information on the [SupportAdventure website](#) about building effective safety plans and systems. See how other operators have structured their [safety plans](#) and check out their ideas on what works well for them and why in [Operator Speak](#).

Let's work together to help our sector meet the 1 November 2014 registration deadline. Email [Rachael Moore](#) if you are willing to share part of your safety plan and what works well for you.

Drug & alcohol policy - MBIE is interested in your views

The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) is interested in the views of operators who have completed their audits under the adventure activity regulations. They are wanting to better understand how the requirements for a drug and alcohol policy are impacting on improving safety in adventure activity businesses.

MBIE will be conducting a short, voluntary online survey in January and February 2014. Your feedback will help MBIE understand how effective the new policy is, and whether operators find it useful.

We'll let you know when the survey is happening, and MBIE will email operators with a link to the short online-survey that shouldn't take longer than 10 minutes to complete. This will be a great opportunity to have your say on the effectiveness of the new audit requirement.

[Click here](#) for MBIE's guidance on managing drug and alcohol related risks in adventure activities.

Activity Safety Guidelines - updates

Abseil

The month of public consultation is finished. Thanks to those who sent in feedback. This ASG is now [online](#) and ready for use. Congratulations to the working group for their hard work in completing this ASG.

High wire and swing

This ASG is with the support group for comment.

Dive

The working group has been established with the first meeting scheduled for 13 December.

Coasteering

The working group has been established.



Photo: Adrenalin Forest

Ensure you are operating to industry good practice

Check the ASG for your activity (or a similar activity) to ensure that you are operating at industry good practice. Ensure staff are suitably competent and use nationally recognised qualifications wherever possible.

For more information contact Rachael Moore, email rachael.moore@tlanz.org.nz, phone 04 495 0817.

Adventure aviation operators – re-certification required

Civil Aviation Authority NZ is reminding Part 115 adventure aviation operators that re-certification is required over the next few months. To prevent log jams and processing delays, CAA would like affected operators to apply for re-certification as early as possible. They appreciate operators who've already done so.

Please note that if a certificate expires it cannot be extended and operations would need to cease. For that reason early application is essential. The new certificates will remain valid for up to five years. For more information email Rex.Kenny@caa.govt.nz

Maritime New Zealand

Maritime NZ has reactivated their quarterly rafting newsletter. The current issue encourages the sharing of learning from incidents and provides updates on topics such as drug and alcohol policies and Rule part 81 (subpart D) relevant to multiple raft trips.

The newsletter is being distributed to all training providers and active rafting operations in the Safe Operating Plan System. Email michael-paul.abbott@maritimenz.govt.nz to receive a copy of the newsletter.



Photo: Queenstown Rafting

Collaborating on safety

If you have any upcoming training or workshops that you could open up to external attendees let us know and we'll help you spread the word.

Outdoor instructor training and assessment opportunities

[New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association](#) runs regular training courses and assessments. [Go here](#) to see what opportunities are available.

NZOIA canoe qualification review

NZOIA is currently reviewing its canoe qualification following feedback from industry experts who said the original canoe qualification did not cover all the scope and skills required. Two qualifications are now being developed to ensure all users have the chance to gain qualifications at the level that they need. Contact admin@nzoia.org.nz for more information.

Maritime NZ and rafting

Maritime NZ is running a river specific meeting for Tongariro River operators this summer. Operators will be contacted by Michael-Paul Abbott to arrange a meeting. Contact Michael-Paul if you feel a river-specific meeting is required for your river/area, phone 027 820 4165, email michael-paul.abbott@maritimenz.govt.nz

Adventure audit workshops

Outdoors NZ and TIA ran a workshop across 11 regions over the past two months to help operators prepare and pass their safety audits. More than 190 people attended and feedback has been excellent. Please keep up the support and contact others in your area to work together on your plans.



Happy festive season!

Wishing all our Adventure & Outdoor Update readers a very profitable, safe and happy summer season.

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