

WHY DO THIS COURSE?

The first priority of any search and rescue is to look after yourself and your team members. This Personal Rope Skills course introduces understanding of the rope system as the key driver to decision making. The course aims to get you to think about what you are doing and work through problems systematically. Common practices across all procedures are introduced so they can be remembered such as 'add before you subtract'.

The Personal Rope Skills course is recommended for all search and rescue personnel experienced in rope work. The course can be used to form learning prior to completing courses such as Foundation Rope Rescue or it can be used as a distinct area in its own right for operating in vertical environments.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the Personal Rope Skills course is to safely and efficiently descend and ascend a rope and be able to effectively perform partner rescue.

By the end of this course you should be able to:

- tie suitable knots, bends and hitches;
- set up and use a personal rope system;
- efficiently abseil, ascend and change over;
- efficiently pass knots, rebelay and redirects;
- rig and use anchor systems;
- apply concepts for dealing with edge trauma;
- perform partner rescues including pickoffs, loweroffs and raisings;
- identify and control hazards.

Completing this course can be accredited towards a SAR qualification which is currently under review to better meet the needs of the SAR community.

COST

This course attracts education funding. As such participants who enrol on this course, who complete the necessary enrolment documentation and meet enrolment criteria will not incur any tuition fees. International students, or individuals who prefer to pay for the course, will be invoiced. All invoices must be paid within 14 days of the course.

WHAT NEXT

You need to apply for a place on the course by providing your full legal name, date of birth and contact details (address, phone, email) to your course organiser.

You will be sent an enrolment pack from SARINZ. Once you have filled out and sent in your enrolment you will be accepted on the course.

All course logistics such as accommodation, travel, meals, venue will be arranged by the course organiser. Start times will be confirmed by your course instructor.

COURSE PROGRAMME

Pre-workshop:

Consists of reading, exercises and written activities designed to introduce you to the subject of personal rope. This needs to be completed prior to the practical workshop.

Workshop:

Consists of the practical component of the course usually delivered over one evening and two days. Timing is approximately 6pm to 9pm on the first evening and then 8am until 6pm on the following two days.

Post-workshop:

Consists of reading, exercises and written activities designed to reinforce and extend the subject of personal rope.

PRE-REQUISITES

A minimum of 80 hours logged or proven experience working with ropes for example climbing, abseiling, caving etc.

WHAT TO BRING

- Sit harness.
- Climbing helmet.
- Descender.
- Mechanical ascenders x2.
- Backup device.
- Locking carabiners x5.
- Personal pulleys x2.
- Webbing slings x2.
- Pack.
- Boots.
- Warm base layers.
- Wet weather jacket and pants.
- Leather gloves.
- Headlamp.
- Personal medication/first aid kit.
- Cotton overalls (optional).

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TAI POUTINI POLYTECHNIC CERTIFICATE IN SEARCH AND RESCUE

OVERVIEW

The Certificate in Search and Rescue requires completion of various Tai Poutini Polytechnic provider units and NZQA unit standards. Some units have pre-requisites. Units have been grouped for best method of delivery under the following headings:

- Tracking
- Track and Clue Awareness
- Lost Subject Behaviour
- Search Method
- Suburban Search
- Alzheimers
- Clue Rich Environments
- First Aid
- Computer Mapping
- Co-ordinated Incident Management System
- Managing Land Search Operations
- Foundation Rope
- Personal Rope
- Intermediate Rope Slope
- Intermediate Rope Vertical
- Advanced Rope Rescue
- Avalanche
- Swiftwater Rescue
- Incident Management/Group Management Software programme training
- SAR Team Leader
- Helicopter Safety
- Helicopter Rescue
- 4WD Driver Training.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Be a minimum of 16 years of age. (If 16 years plus and still at Secondary School, special criteria apply – please contact the Programme Co-ordinator for Search and Rescue at TPP)
- Applicants for whom English is a second language must meet IELTS (or equivalent) Level 5.5.

Selection Criteria apply. Please contact the Polytechnic for details.

Special Entry may be granted where evidence exists that the applicant can successfully complete the programme. Please contact the Polytechnic for details. Ph 0800 800 411.

Note: Some courses within this programme require specific levels of physical ability.

ENROLMENT

- All students must complete an enrolment or re-enrolment form.
- For those first time enrolments you must supply certified identification and residency status documentation.

To qualify as a domestic student, you must be a citizen of New Zealand (including the Cook Islands, Tokelau, or Niue who have New Zealand citizenship) or a permanent resident of New Zealand or a citizen or permanent resident of Australia residing in New Zealand. You must provide evidence of citizenship or permanent residency and to do so you must produce one of the following:

- Birth certificate with place of birth stated as New Zealand, Cook Islands, Tokelau or Niue.
- New Zealand passport
- A statement of Whakapapa, including date of birth, countersigned by a kaumatua.
- Certificate of citizenship or letter of confirmation.
- Overseas passport with residency stamp.

If a copy of your birth certificate is required, please complete the details on your enrolment form and include a fee of \$26.00. (Note: The Polytechnic cannot apply for Birth Certificates from outside New Zealand.) Alternatively, please include an original or certified copy of your birth certificate.

We look forward to working with you to achieve your learning goals.