

WHY DO THIS COURSE?

Moving water is a very unforgiving environment and claims many lives in New Zealand every year.

Over the last 5 years an average of 127 people a year have drowned in New Zealand. Drowning is the third highest cause of accidental death in New Zealand, of these, 30% occur in rivers. A basic understanding of rivers and a healthy respect for the power of moving water can help to minimise some of this danger and give you the ability to work with it. The purpose is to learn how to stay safe around moving water and to help you recognise when you need assistance.

This course is recommended for all people who operate around swiftwater environments including Search and Rescue, Civil Defence, Fire Service, or anybody operating in a water environment. This course is supported by NZ Rafting Association

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Recognise river features and their effects
- Understand river and search terminology
- Move safely in and around a river environment up to grade 2 including safe swimming and river crossing techniques
- Perform non technical searches in a river environment up to grade 2
- Use of equipment for the swiftwater environment
- Basic rescue techniques including signals, throw bags
- Practical exercises testing skill integration.

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 swiftwater personal skills. 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 8am until 6pm on both days.

Post-workshop:

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

PRE-REQUISITES

No formal pre-requisites, though to ensure safety in a water environment, your fitness and swimming ability must be sufficient to undertake the physical water components of this course.

WHAT TO BRING

- Swimming gear, including towels
- Additional equipment requirements are detailed in introductory workbook
- Completed introductory material/workbook.



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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.