

WHY DO THIS COURSE?

Small highly trained teams have proven time and time again to be highly effective in locating lost subjects. Skilled TCA searchers allow a faster resolution to a search as they are more aware of the clue possibilities and are less likely to misinterpret them than their fellow non-TCA trained searchers. Everywhere a lost subject walks they leave behind clues. On this course you will be introduced to observation, clue awareness and visual tracking skills.

You will learn to distinguish between natural characteristics and the characteristics caused by human passage through an environment. You will be required to track in various environments by day and night.

This course is recommended for all SAR personnel as an awareness and introduction to the world of tracking and clue detection. It is considered a core course for Search. Your efforts will save lives.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall objective is to give you an awareness of the type of clues and tracks that may exist. By the end of this course you should be able to;

- To establish the direction of travel (DOT)
- To confirm the presence (or not) of the lost subject.
- To determine any characteristics or pattern of sign/prints.
- To help reduce or refine the possible search area.

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 track and clue awareness. This needs to be completed prior to the practical workshop.

Workshop:

Consists of the practical component of the course usually delivered over two days and one night. Timing is approximately 8am until 10pm on the first day and then 8am until 4pm on the second day.

Post-workshop:

Consists of reading, exercises and written activities designed to reinforce and extend the subject of track and clue awareness.

PRE-REQUISITES

To attend this course, you must be competent in outdoor skills, in tune with nature and preferably involved in some aspect of Search and Rescue (or similar)

WHAT TO BRING

- Two torches/lights (1 with a "clean" light, LED hand held torch or similar and another hand held spotlight).
- Wide brimmed hat recommended but not essential
- SAR or Hi-Vis vest (or similar).
- Boots or Gumboots
- Base layers – Top, bottom, hat and warm jacket.
- Wet weather jacket and pants.
- Personal medication/first aid kit.



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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.