

WHY DO THIS COURSE?

This course will enable you to demonstrate an understanding of avalanches in New Zealand, the response responsibilities of organisations and individuals, the principles of victim survival, preplanning, and the use of search and rescue recourses.

At an avalanche site and during an avalanche rescue, people competent in this course are able to find and use clues, search using visual and audio avalanche search techniques, use transceivers, probe for survivors, care for patients and contribute to avalanche rescue exercises in the context of their own SAR involvements.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the Avalanche Rescue course is to improve the chances of detecting lost subjects by understanding and implementing efficient and effective Avalanche Rescue.

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

- Plan, execute and manage an avalanche rescue site.

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 LandSAR 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 avalanche rescue. 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 reflective practice exercises and written activities designed to reinforce and extend the subject of avalanche rescue.

PRE-REQUISITES

A co-requisite is the completion of the CIMS 2 and Avalanche Awareness programmes or their equivalent. Continued participation in an appropriate team to ensure that candidates are able to provide evidence of experiences consistent with the assessment requirements of the programme.

WHAT TO BRING

- Avalanche Transceiver (457 kHz).
- Shovel.
- Probe.
- Food and water for the day.
- Head torch
- Ice axe or Ski poles.
- Climbing boots/snow shoes or touring skis & boots.
- Bivi bag.
- Closed cell foam mat.
- Spare jacket or down vest
- Sunglasses or goggles.
- Base layers – Top, bottom, hat and warm jacket.
- Wet weather jacket and pants (Gortex or similar).
- Personal 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.