

National Certificate in Snowsport – Patrol (Level 4)

This qualification recognises a person working as a patroller at a snowsport area, and is competent to work on their own or with responsibility for another patroller-in-training. This is considered the minimum qualification for a person working unsupervised as a patroller.

Holders of this qualification are able to perform daily patrol routines, control avalanches using handcharges, analyse weather information, lead a first party response for avalanche search and rescue, and use lowering techniques for snowsport area operations. The elective section of this qualification allows an opportunity to further skills in emergency response, snow control, communication skills or technical snowsport area operations.

In order to gain this qualification the compulsory unit standards and a minimum of 6 credits from the electives must be completed. NC in Snowsport (Patrol) (Level 3) is a prerequisite to this qualification.

Compulsory				
Unit No	Title	Level	Credit	
376	Employ customer service techniques for differing customer behaviours in a given situation	3	2	
423	Work with helicopters	3	3	
4562	Assist with avalanche control work using handcharges	4	2	
4563	Control avalanches using handcharges	5	4	
4582	Perform daily routines for patrol	4	20	
18132	Demonstrate basic movement skills and the use of ice axe and crampons	2	3	
18133	Use lowering techniques for snowsport area operations	4	5	
18136	Demonstrate own party avalanche rescue	3	2	
18139	Lead a first party response team for an avalanche search and rescue	5	10	
20151	Demonstrate skills with ropes, knots, anchors, and belays for rock climbing and abseiling	3	10	
20161	Analyse weather information and predict weather conditions for the outdoors	4	3	
Total			64 credits	
Elective: Complete a minimum of 6 credits from the following domain and/or unit standards				
Field		Subfield	Domain	
Community and Social Services		Snowsport	Skiing and Snowboarding	
Unit No	Title	Level	Credit	
424	Administer first aid in the outdoors	3	5	
1277	Communicate information in a specified workplace	2	3	
1304*	Communicate with people from other cultures	2	2	
4564	Control avalanches using avalaunchers	5	6	
4565	Control avalanches using helicopter bombing	5	6	
4584	Evacuate people from chairlifts	4	2	
4586	Operate a snowmobile	3	3	
8638	Drive on snow and/or ice	3	3	
11097*	Listen to gain information in an interactive situation	3	3	
17694	Demonstrate knowledge of explosives and their properties	2	2	
17699	Plan layouts, assemble, place and fire shots for snow control	4	20	
18102	Work on a tower at a snowsport area	3	4	
18138	Fit and remove vehicle chains	2	2	
Total of 70 credits				