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**RECREATION FACILITY AND  
RESOURCE DESIGN AND  
MANAGEMENT**

**Intervene to prevent an emergency  
situation arising in an aquatic facility**

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<b>sub-field:</b>	Community Recreation
<b>purpose:</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: explain factors that contribute to problems in an aquatic facility; take action to resolve safety problems occurring at an aquatic facility; communicate with lifeguards and patrons at the aquatic facility; and explain the emergency action plan for the aquatic facility.
<b>entry information:</b>	Open.
<b>accreditation option:</b>	Evaluation of documentation by NZQA and industry.
<b>moderation option:</b>	A centrally established and directed national moderation system has been set up by the Sport, Fitness and Recreation Industry Training Organisation - Community Recreation Advisory Group.
<b>special notes:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 An aquatic facility includes the pool or pools, their fixtures and surrounds, shower and changing areas, and where they exist, fun equipment, play areas, and attached facilities.</li><li>2 Abbreviations used in this unit standard: NZRA refers to the New Zealand Recreation Association.</li><li>3 The NZRA Pool Lifeguard Training Manual referred to in this unit standard is available from Sfrito, PO Box 2183, Wellington.</li><li>4 The term <i>formalised normal operating procedures</i> refers to the operations manual or documented normal operating procedure at an aquatic facility which sets out</li></ol>

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the way in which the pool will operate on a day to day basis.

### **Elements and Performance Criteria**

#### **element 1**

Explain factors that contribute to safety problems that occur in an aquatic facility.

#### **performance criteria**

- 1.1 Explanation includes at least four different types of people who may be at risk when they are in an aquatic facility.

Range: people who may be at risk may include but are not limited to - those under the influence of drugs or alcohol, in poor health, inappropriately dressed, overweight, with a medical condition, the elderly, young children, people with a disability, large groups of people visiting the aquatic facility, flotation users, non-swimmers, weak swimmers, injured swimmers, two or more people clinging together or to an object.

- 1.2 Explanation includes at least four behaviours or activities that may be hazardous to the individual and/or the patrons.

Range: hazardous behaviours or activities may include but are not limited to - misuse of equipment, swimming in areas that are unsafe, behaving with disregard for the safety of others, chewing gum while swimming, activities that are not complimentary.

#### **element 2**

Take action to resolve safety problems occurring at an aquatic facility.

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- 2.1 Approaches are made in a non-threatening manner to individuals whose situations, behaviour, or actions may be hazardous to themselves and/or others.
- 2.2 Information is communicated to the individuals according to the formalised normal operating procedures at an aquatic facility.
- Range: information communicated - identification of the at-risk behaviour or activity, identification of the risk to self and/or others, explanation of modified behaviour required, clarification of the individual's understanding of the explanation.
- 2.3 Observation of individuals and subsequent actions ensure that the modified behaviour that is carried out complies with the formalised normal operating procedures at an aquatic facility.

**element 3**

Communicate with lifeguards and patrons at the aquatic facility.

**performance criteria**

- 3.1 Communication with the lifeguards is appropriate and complies with the requirements at an aquatic facility and with the techniques outlined in the NZRA Pool Lifeguard Training Manual.
- 3.2 Communication with the patrons is appropriate to the nature of the environment and the type of person/s, and complies with the formalised normal operating procedures at an aquatic facility.
- Range: communication may include - emergency prevention, education about potential hazards, direction in an emergency, information about the environment, changing areas, swimming lessons.

**element 4**

Explain the emergency action plan for the aquatic facility.

**performance criteria**

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- 4.1 Explanation identifies the emergency action plan and examines the elements of it in terms of the specifications in the NZRA Pool Lifeguard Training Manual.
- 4.2 Explanation examines the contribution of the plan to the minimisation of potential harm arising from an actual or potential emergency as outlined in the NZRA Pool Lifeguard Training Manual.

**Comments to:**

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- Community Recreation Advisory Group  
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