

## Evidence Guide

### Unit 26995: Use rescue knots and lines in fire and rescue situations

#### Level 3 Credit 3 Version 1

This document can be used by learners and assessors, and provides an outline of the requirements of the unit standard, and what would be expected to be assessed.

- It provides a guide for the collection of evidence to meet the requirements of 26995. It is not the assessment
- As an assessor it is essential that you are familiar with the unit standard
- Learners should only take this assessment when they feel they have had adequate time to prepare, and feel confident in their ability to meet the requirements
- While this resource describes the evidence that is required to meet the requirements of 26995, there may be other methods for gaining the required evidence, e.g. oral discussions, attestations, logbooks, observations from actual events, or simulated training. Any records and/or relevant information should be given to the assessor prior to the assessment, for their consideration. If evidence is gained from other sources it should be attached to the assessment
- This unit standard carries a credit value of 3, which means that without any prior knowledge or experience, it will require approximately 30 hours of learning, practice, and assessment in order to be fully familiar with the requirements involved
- If at the time of assessment there is a difference in views between the assessor and learner with regard to the assessor's decision, this should be discussed between the assessor and learner. Further information regarding the appeals procedure is provided on the EMQUAL website [www.EMQUAL.org.nz](http://www.EMQUAL.org.nz).

#### Entry information:

- Open.



## Explanatory Notes

- Compliance with the fire and rescue service provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory.

- Definitions

*Fire and rescue service provider's requirements* refer to policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by each fire and rescue service employer or host organisation.

*Rescue lines* refer to lines with kernmantle construction that are specifically designed for rescue purposes.

- Assessment against this unit standard may take place under real or practical simulated conditions.
- Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995.



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### EVIDENCE CRITERIA

#### Knowledge of rescue knots and lines

The following are explained:

- Types, characteristics and uses of lines for casualty lowering and vertical lift
- The care and maintenance of lines, including type and frequency of tests
- Characteristics of knot tying
- The use of rescue knots explained. A selection of five (5) will be made from the following - figure eight, figure eight on the bight, double figure eight, threaded figure of eight on the bight, alpine butterfly, prussic, double fisherman's knot, vertical lift knot

#### Use knots and lines in fire and rescue situations

- You will be required to tie a minimum of five (5) knots which will be selected from the following – figure eight, figure eight on the bight, double figure eight, threaded figure of eight on the bight, alpine butterfly, prussic, double fisherman's knot, vertical lift knot
- Rescue knots will be used in fire and rescue situations for hauling aloft, rescue, and securing.
- Lines will be recommissioned and documentation completed.

