

NZOIA™ WWNZ River Rescue Level 2

Scope and Syllabus

Scope

River Rescue Level 2 Profile

The NZOIA / WWNZ River Rescue Level 2 holder will have been trained in the following skills in Class 3 white-water:

- River hydrology
- Communications
- River running strategies
- Equipment selection
- Self rescue
- Bank based rescue
- Boat based rescue
- Swimmer based rescue

Operational Scope

This certificate is part of a pathway for recreational and professional paddlers to better enable them to kayak safely with their peers, when leading a group, or when providing an instructional or guided experience. This certificate does not define the ability to lead or instruct.

River Rescue Level 2 is a pre-requisite for participation in the NZOIA Kayak Instructor Level 2 assessment.

Pre-requisites

To enable meaningful learning in all aspects of the syllabus it is required that participants have the following kayaking experience:

- No less than 10 river trips on Class 3 white-water, and sufficient experience that you are competently and confidently paddling in this environment, including rolling
- Have attended a River Rescue Level 1 course

Revalidation

The NZOIA / WWNZ River Rescue 2 certificate holder is recommended to update their skills through a refresher course every three years

SYLLABUS

Technical Skills

1. Self, boat and bank based rescue
2. Selection and correct use of kayaking gear and safety equipment commonly used in New Zealand
3. Knowledge of common river hazards
4. Controlled river running on Class 3 white-water

Rescue Management

5. Working within a team to deal with rescue scenarios
6. Organise and lead a group to deal with rescue scenarios