

NSW Scouts Adventurous Activities

Scoutskills Prior Achievement Recognition & Guide Observation Capture Sheet

Safe and Trained Participant Snorkel

Many Venturers, Rovers and Leaders have obtained the skills necessary to gain recognition through achievement in either the Youth Program or previous iterations of the Scoutskills framework. This capture sheet provides an avenue to request recognition of those achievements.

Other Leaders may have entered Scouts with significant outdoor experiences. Again, this capture sheet provides an avenue for such a Leader to have their experience recognised through a conversation with, or observation from, an appointed NSW State Adventurous Activity Guide.

Situation	Action	Yes / No
Youth or Adult Member: I have completed an Open Water Scuba Dive Qualification and have logged dives within the last six months	Submit a copy of your dive certification and a verifiable log of diving	
Youth Member (Scout, Venturer or Rover): I have attained Stage 4 in the OAS Aquatic Snorkelling Stream	Find a Guide and have a conversation about your experience.	
Youth or Adult Member: I have previous snorkelling experience or qualifications.	Find a Guide and have a conversation about your experience.	
Youth or Adult Member (Inexperienced): I am a Member who does not have much snorkelling experience.	Discuss with a Guide the most appropriate way to obtain knowledge and experience.	

Scoutskills for Safe and Trained Participants are awarded by a NSW Adventurous Activity Guide who holds Lead in the area.

The Scoutskills Sessions, which make up Trained Participant Snorkel, with their assessment basis, are outlined in the following table based on Version 2.5 of Appendix 3 of the NAAF dated January 2021.

Scoutskill	Unit	Assessment Criteria	Session Name
Snorkel	SISOSNK001	https://training.gov.au/TrainingComponentFiles/SIS/SISOSNK001_AssessmentRequirements_R1.pdf	Snorkel
Basic Water Rescues	SISCAQU002	https://training.gov.au/TrainingComponentFiles/SIS/SISCAQU002_AssessmentRequirements_R1.pdf	Basic Water Rescues

Practical and Knowledge

Work with a Guide to document your knowledge and experience. Typically this will be a conversation with questions and answers and an opportunity to share evidence. Mandatory elements:

Element	Not Observed	Not Yet Competent	Competent
Session: Snorkel			
I can select snorkelling equipment, exposure protection swimwear or exposure suit suitable for the conditions and check for safe working condition			
I can assess conditions before entering the water and move the activity location, as required			
I can confirm activity safety and emergency response procedures to ensure compliance during activities			
I can confirm protocols for communications between my buddy and other party members			
I can fit and adjust snorkelling equipment and exposure protection wear to ensure comfort and safety			
I can breathe comfortably through a snorkel while swimming on the surface			
I can maintain buoyancy and propel myself using fins			
I can hold my breath, dive and swim underwater, and clear my Snorkel on re-surfacing			
I can clear water and pressure from ears using equalisation methods			
I can clear water from my Snorkel and mask when flooded			
I can safely approach and negotiate obstacles and hazards to minimise the risk of injury			
I can maintain contact and effective communication with my buddy and other party members throughout all activities.			
I can monitor my fatigue and the effects of pressure, temperature and volume on myself.			
I can Cease activities or take breaks while maintaining contact with party members.			
Session: Basic Water Rescues			
I can identify, evaluate and respond appropriately to aquatic emergencies			
I can recognise the signs and signals of a swimmer in difficulty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Call for help o Vertical body position o Minimal/non-supportive leg action o Vigorous arm movements o Submerged or unconscious person 			
I can identify and assess immediate hazards and risks to myself and others			
I can assess the situation to determine the appropriate response in an aquatic emergency			
I can determine the rescue type required and promptly formulate a rescue plan			
I can perform the following non-swimming rescue techniques: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reach o Throw rope o Throw flotation aid 			
I can perform the following swimming rescue techniques over a distance of 10m: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Accompanied swim o Wade o Non-contact tow o Contact tow 			

Element	Not Observed	Not Yet Competent	Competent
I can incorporate adjustments to the following rescue techniques to ensure the safety of myself and others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Accompanied swim o Wade o Non-contact tow o Contact tow 			
I can delegate rescue tasks when required			
I can provide reassurance to bystanders			
I can convey incident details accurately to emergency response services			
I can complete an incident report and report details of the incident			

Note: Sessions may have been achieved through other Scoutskills qualifications. Where this is the case, cross out the applicable Session.

