

NSW Scouts Adventurous Activities

Scoutskills Prior Achievement Recognition & Guide Observation Capture Sheet

Basic Water Rescues

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 Member (Venturer or Rover): I have earned a Bronze Medallion within the last two years	Submit evidence of successful completion of Bronze Medallion. No further proof required	
Youth Member (Venturer or Rover): I have attained Stage 5 in the OAS Aquatic Lifesaving Stream	Find a Guide and have a conversation about your experience.	
Adult Member or Rover: I have previous lifesaving experience or qualifications.	Find a Guide and have a conversation about your experience.	
Adult Member (Inexperienced): I am an Adult Member who does not have much lifesaving 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.

Basic Water Rescues is a Session that is a pre-requisite for the achievement of other water based Trained Participant Scoutskills.

The Scoutskills Sessions, with their assessment basis, are outlined in the following table based on DRAFT August 2022 NAAF Appendix 3, available [here](#).

Scoutskill	Unit	Assessment Criteria	Session Name
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: 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 			
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.

Guide Observation

The Guide should capture Practical Skills and Knowledge observations when required to observe the applicant on an activity. Include details of the activity, conditions and the applicant's role. The Guide may include video, photos, and documents necessary to show evidence.

Guide Observations

Declaration: As an Appointed NSW Adventurous Activity Guide qualified in Basic Water Rescues, I certify that I have discussed the applicant's experience with them and that the individual is competent in all required Practical and Knowledge elements. I have reviewed their logbook, and it includes recent applicable experience. The Participant may be awarded the following Session of Basic Water Rescues:

- Perform Basic Water Rescues

Guide Name	Scout Number	Signature	Date

Applicant Name	Scout Number	Signature	Date