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Introduction

This document contains information on the minimum skills required to achieve Registration within the National Outdoor Leader Registration Scheme (NOLRS) at specific levels within the activity of SEA KAYAKING.

Additional documents are available at www.outdoorcouncil.asn.au that provides information about the Scheme and the registration process includes:

- **NOLRS Registration Guide** - information about the registration requirements and process
- **NOLRS Re-registration Guide** - information about the re-registration requirements and process
- **Application for Registration**
- **Application for Subsequent Registration**
- **Application for Re-registration**
- **NOLRS Partnered Assessment Providers** - a guide for organisations that conduct assessment of outdoor leaders, detailing how to have their course outcomes recognised as equivalent to the skill and knowledge requirements of the NOLRS.

What is SEA KAYAKING?

The activity of Sea-Kayaking involves organized activities where participants are led as a group in various marine environments for pleasure, challenge, experience and / or educational outcomes.

Sea-Kayaking involves, usually, double blade paddling of water craft (either open or closed craft) in flat or sea-water environments (e.g. sit-on-top sea-kayaks, enclosed sea-kayaks).

It is not intended that competitive events will be captured by this registration area.

Registration Levels and Description

SEA KAYAKING registration levels apply to Guides and Instructors who conduct SEA KAYAKING activities in a marine environment.

The following registration levels are available within the NOLRS within the activity of SEA KAYAKING –

Australian Canoeing Equivalent

- SEA KAYAKING Guide (Easy to Moderate Conditions) - Sea Leader
- SEA KAYAKING Instructor (Easy to Moderate Conditions) - Sea Guide
- SEA KAYAKING Guide (Moderate to Difficult Conditions) - Sea Instructor
- SEA KAYAKING Instructor (Moderate to Difficult Conditions) - Advanced Sea Instructor

SEA KAYAKING Guide (Easy to Moderate Conditions):

A person designated as a SEA KAYAKING Guide (Easy to Moderate Conditions) has the skills, knowledge and experience to work autonomously within a closely defined range of skilled operations involving known routines, methods and procedures, where a small amount of discretion and judgement is required in the selection of equipment, services or contingency measures. This person may conduct activities independently only within clearly defined contexts where there are clearly defined Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and relevant documented guidelines for the activity, they are familiar with those SOPs, and where assistance is readily available should a non-routine situation arise.

A SEA KAYAKING Guide (Easy to Moderate) leads or guides dependent participants in SEA KAYAKING activities. There is no intention of imparting skills or knowledge to participants beyond that which is necessary to enable their safe participation in the SEA KAYAKING activity. At the end of a session or program with a Guide, the intent is not for the participant to have acquired the skills to independently participate in the activity

A SEA KAYAKING Guide (Easy to Moderate) may conduct activities only at sites which have documentation that defines the key safety features and risk management procedures for the activity. *They may only work at sites where:*

- Ocean Conditions are considered to be Easy and Moderate. Moderate Conditions are considered to be a wind speed up to force 3 (10-12 kms per hour) and with waves up to one metre.
- The coastline may be simple, not having overfalls, tidal races, Difficult landings or open crossings

A SEA KAYAKING Guide (Easy to Moderate) does not have the ability to adequately assess the suitability of a new facility / site and its characteristics or to independently develop procedures for the conduct of SEA KAYAKING activities. They may work as an assistant with a more experienced leader in potentially non-routine or more complex activities and programs.

SEA KAYAKING Instructor (Easy to Moderate Conditions):

A person designated as a SEA KAYAKING Instructor (Easy to Moderate) facilitates skill transfer or development to participants in order that they may independently SEA KAYAKING. This requires the instructor to be able to transfer required skills and knowledge, apply a variety of appropriate instructional strategies, and assess a participant's skill and knowledge acquisition during and at the end of a program or session.

SEA KAYAKING Instructors (Easy to Moderate) may only work at sites where:

- Ocean Conditions are considered to be Easy and Moderate. Moderate Conditions are considered to be a wind speed up to force 3 (10-12 kms per hour) and with breaking waves and surf up to one metre.

- The coastline may be simple, not having overfalls, tidal races, difficult landings or open crossings
- There is no overnight component

A SEA KAYAKING Instructor has the knowledge, skills and experience of a SEA KAYAKING Guide as well as additional skills and experience in training and assessment. A person at this level of competence may instruct participants to enable them to:

- Instruct a SEA KAYAKING trip with participants in Easy to Moderate Conditions
- Train small groups

A SEA KAYAKING Guide (Easy to Moderate Conditions) has the knowledge, skills and experience that enable them to:

- Plan for minimal environmental impact
- Interpret weather for marine environments
- Undertake risk analysis of activities
- Interpret weather for marine environments
- Operate communication systems and equipment
- Guide outdoor recreation sessions
- Follow defined Occupational Health and Safety policy and procedures
- Facilitate groups and deal with conflict
- Respond to emergency situations
- Apply SEA KAYAKING skills in a Moderate environment
- Perform deep water rescues
- Guide SEA KAYAKING trips (Easy to Moderate Conditions)
- Plan and navigate a SEA KAYAKING inshore passage
- Demonstrate simple SEA KAYAKING skills to a high standard

A person designated as a SEA KAYAKING Instructor (Easy to Moderate) facilitates skill transfer or development to participants in order that they may independently go SEA KAYAKING. This requires the instructor to be able to transfer required skills and knowledge, apply a variety of appropriate instructional strategies, and assess a participant's skill and knowledge acquisition during and at the end of a program or session. A SEA KAYAKING Instructor (Easy to Moderate Conditions) may only go sea kayaking where:

- Ocean Conditions are easy to moderate. Moderate conditions are considered to be a wind speed up to force 3 (10-12 kms per hour) and with waves up to one metre.
- The coastline may be simple, not having overfalls, tidal races, difficult landings or open crossings
- There is no overnight component

A KAYAKING Instructor (Easy to Moderate Conditions) has the knowledge, skills and experience of a SEA KAYAKING Guide (Easy to Moderate Conditions) as well as additional skills and experience in training and assessment. A person at this level of competence may instruct participants to enable them to:

- Instruct SEA KAYAKING trips with participants in Easy to Moderate Conditions
- Train small groups

SEA KAYAKING Guide (Moderate to Difficult Conditions):

A person designated as a SEA KAYAKING Guide (Moderate to Difficult Conditions) has the skills, knowledge and experience to work autonomously within a closely defined range of skilled operations involving known routines, methods and procedures, where a small amount of discretion and judgement is required in the selection of equipment, services or contingency measures. This person may conduct activities independently only within clearly defined contexts where there are clearly defined Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and relevant documented guidelines for the activity, they are familiar with those SOPs, and where assistance is readily available should a non-routine situation arise.

A SEA KAYAKING Guide (Moderate to Difficult) leads or guides dependent participants in SEA KAYAKING activities. There is no intention of imparting skills or knowledge to participants beyond that which is necessary to enable their safe participation in the SEA KAYAKING activity. At the end of a session or program with a Guide, the intent is not for the participant to have acquired the skills to independently participate in the activity.

A SEA KAYAKING Guide (Moderate to Difficult) may conduct activities only at sites which have documentation that defines the key safety features and risk management procedures for the activity.

A SEA KAYAKING Guide (Moderate to Difficult) does not have the ability to adequately assess the suitability of a new facility / site and its characteristics or to independently develop procedures for the conduct of SEA KAYAKING activities. They may work as an assistant with a more experienced leader in potentially non-routine or more complex activities and programs.

A SEA KAYAKING Guide (Moderate to Difficult Conditions) has the knowledge, skills and experience that enable them to:

- Plan for minimal environmental impact
- Interpret weather for marine environments
- Undertake risk analysis of activities
- Interpret weather for marine environments
- Operate communication systems and equipment
- Guide outdoor recreation sessions
- Follow defined Occupational Health and Safety policy and procedures
- Facilitate groups and deal with conflict
- Respond to emergency situations
- Apply SEA KAYAKING skills in a difficult conditions
- Perform deep water rescues
- Guide SEA KAYAKING trips (moderate to difficult conditions)
- Plan and navigate a SEA KAYAKING inshore passage
- Demonstrate simple SEA KAYAKING skills to a high standard

SEA KAYAKING Instructor (Moderate to Difficult Conditions):

A person designated as a SEA KAYAKING Instructor (Moderate to Difficult) facilitates skill transfer or development to participants in order that they may independently SEA KAYAKING. This requires the instructor to be able to transfer required skills and knowledge, apply a variety of appropriate instructional strategies, and assess a participant's skill and knowledge acquisition during and at the end of a program or session.

A SEA KAYAKING Instructor has the knowledge, skills and experience of a SEA KAYAKING Guide as well as additional skills and experience in training and assessment. A person at this level of competence may instruct participants to enable them to:

- Instruct a SEA KAYAKING trip with participants in moderate to difficult conditions
- Train small groups

SEA KAYAKING Skill, Knowledge and Experience Requirements

SEA KAYAKING Guide (Easy to Moderate Conditions):

Critical aspects of a SEA KAYAKING Guide (Easy to Moderate Conditions) experience, knowledge and skills

- Ability to respond to emergency situations relevant to a SEA KAYAKING activity in range of aquatic environments and situations.
- Application of risk analysis principles in a SEA KAYAKING context
- Ability to identify, and plan for, basic requirements of a SEA KAYAKING activity (i.e. equipment, food, water, clothing)
- Maintenance of a participant's physical and emotional safety during kayaking sessions in a diversity of situations (eg, different participant groups, different learning outcomes)
- Ability to plan, guide and evaluate SEA KAYAKING sessions at a number of different locations to suit available resources, environmental limitations and different types of participant groups with differing needs and activity aims
- Establish and maintain positive group dynamics
- Knowledge of environmental impact issues associated with SEA KAYAKING and methods to minimise impact
- Relevant state legislation impacting on SEA KAYAKING activities
- Monitor and review minimal impact practices
- Knowledge of the implications of relevant Australian and international standards on equipment use and performance
- Accepted industry best practise or recommendations (as specified in operating procedures, risk management guidelines, professional association's recommendations or current texts)
- Technical SEA KAYAKING equipment knowledge
- Equipment usage in rescue situations
- First aid knowledge appropriate to the location
- Selection and use of equipment for SEA KAYAKING
- Location knowledge
- Personal paddling skills to a high level of technical correctness
- Stowing and waterproofing gear
- Swimming ability in paddling gear
- Communication systems on water bodies

In order to demonstrate currency, an applicant seeking registration must have verifiable evidence of guiding a minimum of four (4) SEA KAYAKING sessions (minimum of three hours per session) in the past twelve (12) months. In addition, evidence must be supplied of 'in-house' or external aquatic rescue training within the past 12 months, or participation in aquatic rescue of 'real' participants.

Newly trained outdoor leaders require verifiable evidence of guiding a minimum of six (6) SEA KAYAKING sessions (minimum of three hours per session) at least two (2) different locations.

SEA KAYAKING Instructor (Easy to Moderate Conditions):

Critical Aspects of a SEA KAYAKING Instructor skills and knowledge include SEA KAYAKING Guide skills and knowledge **PLUS** the following:

Skills to:

- Recognise participants abilities and needs, in order to adapt the instructional session
- Assess the activity location of the site and its suitability for the conduct of the instructional session
- Apply the relevant legislation impacting upon the instruction or conduct of a SEA KAYAKING activity
 - Occupational Health and safety
 - Land and water management authorities
 - Local government

- Incorporate theories of Instruction applicable to a range of ages and learning abilities

Ability to demonstrate and / or teach the following:

- Apply knowledge of safety practices to plan and conduct a safe instructional session in accordance with risk management plans, industry guidelines and occupational health and safety requirements
- Demonstrate SEA KAYAKING techniques or skills accurately
- Establish a positive learning environment
- Provide constructive feedback which enhances the participants learning
- Provide instruction in required knowledge and skills for SEA KAYAKING
- Rescue competencies to effectively deal with emergencies whilst instructing SEA KAYAKING in easy to moderate conditions
- Instructional techniques to adapt sessions to meet a variety of learning abilities

Ability to demonstrate and / or teach the following:

- SEA KAYAKING skills to demonstrate and correct technique
- Environmental condition reading skills to select appropriate site and aid in hazard identification

In order to demonstrate currency, an applicant seeking registration must have verifiable evidence of instructing or guiding a minimum of four (4) SEA KAYAKING sessions (minimum of three hours per session; at least three sessions must be instructing) in the past twelve (12) months. In addition, evidence must be supplied 'in-house' or external aquatic rescue training within the past 12 months, or participation in aquatic rescue of 'real' participants.

Newly trained outdoor leaders require verifiable evidence of instructing or guiding a minimum of six (6) SEA KAYAKING sessions (minimum of three (3) hours per session; at least three (3) sessions must be instructing) at different locations.

SEA KAYAKING Guide (Moderate to Difficult Conditions):

Critical aspects of a SEA KAYAKING Guide (Moderate to Difficult Conditions) experience, knowledge and skills

- Ability to respond to emergency situations relevant to a SEA KAYAKING activity in range of aquatic environments and situations.
- Application of risk analysis principles in a SEA KAYAKING context

- Ability to identify, and plan for, basic requirements of a SEA KAYAKING activity (i.e. equipment, food, water, clothing)
- Maintenance of a participant's physical and emotional safety during kayaking sessions in a diversity of situations (eg, different participant groups, different learning outcomes)
- Ability to plan, guide and evaluate SEA KAYAKING sessions at a number of different locations to suit available resources, environmental limitations and different types of participant groups with differing needs and activity aims
- Establish and maintain positive group dynamics
- Knowledge of environmental impact issues associated with SEA KAYAKING and methods to minimise impact
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- Knowledge of the implications of relevant Australian and international standards on equipment use and performance
- Relevant state legislation impacting on SEA KAYAKING activities
- Accepted industry best practise or recommendations (as specified in operating procedures, risk management guidelines, professional association's recommendations or current texts)
- Technical SEA KAYAKING equipment knowledge
- Equipment usage in rescue situations
- First aid knowledge appropriate to the location
- Selection and use of equipment for SEA KAYAKING
- Location knowledge
- Personal paddling skills to a high level of technical correctness
- Stowing and waterproofing gear
- Swimming ability in paddling gear
- Communication systems on water bodies

In order to demonstrate currency, an applicant seeking registration must have verifiable evidence of guiding a minimum of four (4) SEA KAYAKING sessions (minimum of three hours per session) in the past twelve (12) months. In addition, evidence must be supplied of 'in-house' or external aquatic rescue training within the past 12 months, or participation in aquatic rescue of 'real' participants.

Newly trained outdoor leaders require verifiable evidence of guiding a minimum of six (6) SEA KAYAKING sessions (minimum of three hours per session) at least two (2) different locations.

SEA KAYAKING Instructor (Moderate to Difficult Conditions):

Critical Aspects of a SEA KAYAKING Instructor skills and knowledge include SEA KAYAKING Guide skills and knowledge **PLUS** the following:

Skills to:

- Recognise participants abilities and needs, in order to adapt the instructional session
- Assess the activity location of the site and its suitability for the conduct of the instructional session
- Apply the relevant legislation impacting upon the instruction or conduct of a SEA KAYAKING activity
 - Occupational Health and safety
 - Land and water management authorities
 - Local government

- Incorporate theories of Instruction applicable to a range of ages and learning abilities

Ability to demonstrate and / or teach the following:

- Apply knowledge of safety practices to plan and conduct a safe instructional session in accordance with risk management plans, industry guidelines and occupational health and safety requirements
- Demonstrate SEA KAYAKING techniques or skills accurately
- Establish a positive learning environment
- Provide constructive feedback which enhances the participants learning
- Provide instruction in required knowledge and skills for SEA KAYAKING
- Rescue competencies to effectively deal with emergencies whilst instructing SEA KAYAKING in Moderate to Difficult Conditions
- Instructional techniques to adapt sessions to meet a variety of learning abilities

Ability to demonstrate and / or teach the following:

- SEA KAYAKING skills to demonstrate and correct technique
- Environmental condition reading skills to select appropriate site and aid in hazard identification

In order to demonstrate currency, an applicant seeking registration must have verifiable evidence of instructing or guiding a minimum of four (4) SEA KAYAKING sessions (minimum of three hours per session; at least three sessions must be instructing) in the past twelve (12) months. In addition, evidence must be supplied of 'in-house' or external aquatic rescue training within the past 12 months, or participation in aquatic rescue of 'real' participants.

Newly trained outdoor leaders require verifiable evidence of instructing or guiding a minimum of six (6) SEA KAYAKING sessions (minimum of three (3) hours per session; at least three (3) sessions must be instructing) at different locations.