

# NZOIA™ Bush Instructor Level 1

## Scope and Syllabus

### Scope

#### Bush Instructor Level 1 Profile

The NZOIA Bush Instructor Level 1 is able to:

- Plan and prepare for a multi-day tramping trip.
- Lead and manage groups in a bush environment.
- Apply weather interpretation and forecasting skills.
- Role model accepted environmental practices.
- Provide interpretive information.
- Connect concepts of tikanga Māori to the bush environment.
- Apply effective safety management
- Prepare and deliver teaching sessions.
- Engage students in positive learning experiences.

#### Instructional Scope

The holder of this qualification can organise, instruct and lead multi-day tramping trips in easy and moderate bush terrain. Trips can extend above the bushline in easy and moderate terrain and in summer conditions (without snow and no snow forecast). Patches of old snow may exist and can be crossed where no sliding potential exists.

#### Pre-requisites

- The NZOIA Bush Instructor Level 1 will have no less than 40 days tramping experience, which will include; at least 20 days experience on multi-day trips, at least 20 personal days and at least 10 days instructing, leading or guiding groups. Instructing experience can include being a co-instructor or assistant instructor.
- Overnight trips should include both staying in huts and camping.
- The NZOIA Bush Instructor Level 1 will hold a current First Aid qualification.
- The NZOIA Bush Instructor Level 1 will be 20 years old or over.
- A tramping day is considered to be at least six hours.

The pre-requisite experience requirements are minimums, extra days are recommended so that a broad range of experience is gained.

#### Revalidation

The NZOIA Bush Instructor Level 1 qualification remains valid as long as the holder completes NZOIA's revalidation and registration requirements.

## **Progressing to Instructor Level 2 Qualifications**

As the NZOIA Bush Instructor Level 1 gains more experience, they can progress to gaining the Level 2 qualification. The steps they can follow include:

- Gaining the experience outlined in the NZOIA Bush Instructor Level 2 pre-requisites.
- Attending an NZOIA Level 2 training course.
- Working with an NZOIA Level 2 Bush Instructor.

# **Syllabus**

## **Technical Competence**

1. Demonstrate navigation and location awareness skills.
2. Demonstrate campcraft skills.
3. Demonstrate efficient movement in bush terrain.
4. Demonstrate safe river crossing practices.
5. Demonstrate the care and correct use of tramping gear and equipment.

## **The Environment**

6. Apply weather interpretation and forecasting skills.
7. Role model accepted environmental practices.
8. Demonstrate and / or describe cultural and environmental knowledge and interpretation of a given bush area.
9. Understand and connect concepts of tikanga Māori to the bush environment.

## **Group Management and Leadership**

10. Plan and prepare for a multi-day tramping trip.
11. Lead and manage a group in a bush environment.
12. Apply effective safety management.

## **Instruction**

13. Prepare and deliver teaching sessions.