



# NZC EOTC Instructor

*New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor Leadership (Instruction)  
(Level 5) – Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)*



Active Careers through  
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## INTRODUCTION

The NZC EOTC Instructor is primarily about EOTC event design, planning and coordination. It is specifically for teachers who have an in-depth knowledge of learning through EOTC and are already leading students in outdoor environments.

EOTC instructors are most likely to be teachers in charge of EOTC events. They are able to plan, prepare for, organise and manage EOTC events in the outdoors.

People who hold this qualification have strong planning, organisational, safety and group management skills and are able to supervise other teachers or leaders working with groups in outdoor settings.



An EOTC event needs to involve multiple groups and activities and take at least half a day to complete.

Examples could include:

- a school camp - that includes a number of activities e.g. orienteering, camp craft, stream crossing, low ropes, a nightline, a solo experience
- a journey - for example a tramping trip that includes an overnight or an unbridged stream crossing
- a big day out at the beach.

## WHAT EXPERIENCE DO I NEED?

In order to gain this qualification, you will need to prove that you have met the following experience requirements. Some of the written assessments can be completed **while** you are building your experience but you need to meet the requirements before you start your practical assessment.



Have log book evidence of:

- being a leader on at least five half day EOTC events
- being teacher in charge on at least five half day EOTC events, including:
  - at least one overnight
  - one multiday trip
  - management and supervision of students around water
  - management of the characteristics and responses of children and young people in an emergency situation.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO SUCCEED?

It is likely that you won't have all the required knowledge or experience when you sign up for this qualification. Expect to log your outdoor activity while you build up your personal and event management experience. Being in a role where you have planning and management responsibility makes getting experience easier.

### PLAN DO REVIEW

#### Preparation could involve:

- researching and reading relevant resources
- preparing material for peer review
- working with a mentor who can guide your development and provide feedback

#### Resources you will need:

- access to a computer
- workplace support (this may include time to prepare, time for the assessment, access to individuals who can help you study and train).

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Completion of the qualification involves a mixture of online, written and practical tasks.

### Module 1: Outdoor Instructor Fundamentals

This is the core component of all the *New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor Leadership (Instruction) (Level 5)* – activity strands.

If you have completed Module 1: Fundamentals for another *New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor Leadership (Instruction) (Level 5)* activity strand, for example Rock Climbing or Tramping, you don't need to do it again for EOTC.

### Module 2: EOTC Instructor

This is EOTC specific and has online, written and practical components.



You will need to answer some online questions on topics such as EOTC in your school, health and safety, planning process, responsibilities.



You will need to prepare a plan for an EOTC event. This will include co-ordinating with activity leaders. You will use this plan when you run the EOTC event.



You will need to coordinate and manage an EOTC event in an outdoor context.



You will need to review the EOTC event and prepare a post event report.

## QUALIFICATION FEES

- Teacher on a Skills Active Training Agreement - \$550 (\$632.50 incl GST)

Reassessment fee: Candidates/ workplaces will be charged directly by the assessor for any re-assessment costs

Evidence verifier from another school: Candidates/ workplaces may be charged directly by the verifier.

No evidence verifier: Candidates/ workplaces will be charged directly by the assessor for any additional travel and accommodation costs. Where possible, the assessor will be allocated within the same region as the candidate.