

Challenge Ropes (low ropes)

Outdoor Recreation Skill Sets

The following are Skills Sets that have been identified through consultation with the Outdoor Council of Australia (OCA), the peak body for the Outdoor Recreation industry and will be utilised as the basis for the registration requirements of programs like the National Outdoor Leader Registration Scheme (NOLRS).

Challenge Ropes Course Conductor (Low Ropes)

A person designated as a Challenge Ropes Course Conductor (Low Ropes) 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 judgment are 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 Challenge Ropes Course Conductor (Low Ropes) may conduct activities only at sites that have documentation that defines the key safety features and risk management procedures for each element and/or specific aspect of the course.

A Challenge Ropes Course Conductor (Low Ropes) may take an assistant leadership role in the facilitation of a challenge ropes course program and may also work as an assistant with a more experienced leader in potentially non-routine or more complex programs (e.g. with "at risk" clients).

A person at this level does not have the ability to develop procedures for the conduct of activities on a challenge ropes course. Nor does a Challenge Ropes Course Conductor (Low Ropes) have the knowledge and skills to be personally responsible for the overall maintenance of the challenge ropes course or elements. These must be the responsibility of a Challenge Ropes Course Manager and/or industry specialists. A Challenge Ropes Course Conductor (Low Ropes) may have only conducted programs on one challenge ropes course.

Skill Set	Challenge Ropes Course Conductor (Low Ropes)	
Target group	Those wishing to conduct Challenge Ropes Courses (low ropes)	
Units	Unit Code	Unit Title
	HLTFA301B	Apply first aid
	SISOABL301A	Assist in the facilitation of adventure-based learning activities
	SISOCRP301A	Conduct a low ropes session
	SISOODR302A	Plan outdoor recreation activities
	SISOODR303A	Guide outdoor recreation sessions
	SISOOPS201A	Minimise environmental impact
	SISOOPS306A	Interpret weather conditions in the field
	SISXCAI306A	Facilitate groups
	SISXEMR201A	Respond to emergency situations
	SISXOHS101A	Follow occupational health and safety policies

	SISXRSK301A	Undertake risk analysis of activities
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Challenge Ropes Course Supervisor (Low Ropes)

A person designated as a Challenge Ropes Course Supervisor (Low Ropes) has the skills, knowledge and experience that enables them to work independently within a variety of settings and contexts. Leadership and guidance are involved when organising activities of self and others, as well as contributing to technical solutions of a non-routine or contingency nature. A person at this level may perform a broad range of skilled applications including the evaluation and analysis of current practices, development of new criteria and procedures for performing current practices and provision of some leadership and guidance to others.

Challenge Ropes Course Supervisors (Low Ropes) may work independently at a broad range of venues with a variety of different client groups. Persons at this level of registration should be able to apply their skills and knowledge to a broad variety of challenge ropes courses and elements, and should be able to deal with non-routine situations. They have the knowledge and skills to maintain and instruct use of a challenge ropes course with low elements, to ensure the safety of a course, and the safe conduct of activities. They should also be able to impart skills and knowledge to clients/assistants to conduct activities under close supervision.

Although they may conduct a significant amount of ropes course maintenance, a Challenge Ropes Course Supervisor (Low Ropes) is not responsible for the development of the policy and procedures for the overall maintenance of the course or elements. A Challenge Ropes Course Supervisor (Low Ropes) must have conducted programs on different challenge ropes courses. A Low Ropes Supervisor must possess all the skills, knowledge and experience required of a Low Ropes Conductor PLUS those that enable them to supervise a low ropes session

Skill Set	Challenge Ropes Course Supervisor (Low Ropes)	
Target group	Those wishing to conduct and supervise challenge ropes courses (low ropes)	
Units	Unit Code	Unit Title
	HLTFA301B	Apply first aid
	SISOABL301A	Assist in the facilitation of adventure-based learning activities
	SISOABL402A	Facilitate adventure-based learning activities
	SISOCR301A	Conduct a low ropes session
	SISOCR403A	Supervise a low ropes session
	SISOODR302A	Plan outdoor recreation activities
	SISOODR303A	Guide outdoor recreation sessions
	SISOODR404A	Manage risk in an outdoor activity
	SISOOPS201A	Minimise environmental impact
	SISOOPS304A	Plan for minimal environmental impact
	SISOOPS306A	Interpret weather conditions in the field
	SISXCAI306A	Facilitate groups
	SISXEMR201A	Respond to emergency situations
	SISXEMR402A	Coordinate emergency response
SISXOHS101A	Follow occupational health and safety policies	

Challenge Ropes Course Manager (Low Ropes)

A person designated as a Challenge Ropes Course Manager (Low Ropes) has the skills, knowledge and experience that enable them to manage and maintain a challenge low ropes course. These persons have ultimate responsibility for ensuring the safety of a course, and the development and review of organisational policies and standard operating procedures for the conduct of activities on the low ropes element/course. The manager is responsible for the development of policies and procedures for the overall set up, operation and maintenance of the activities and equipment.

Challenge Ropes Course Manager (Low Ropes) has analysed management strategies for separate low ropes courses, applying in-depth knowledge of individual low ropes course elements to determine operational procedures for each element and developing appropriate maintenance procedures.

A Low Ropes Manager must possess all the skills, knowledge and experience required of a Low Ropes Supervisor PLUS those that enable them to manage a low ropes course.

Skill Set	Challenge Ropes Course Manager (Low Ropes)	
Target group	Those wishing to conduct, supervise and manage challenge ropes courses (low ropes)	
Units	Unit Code	Unit Title
	HLTFA301B	Apply first aid
	SISOABL301A	Assist in the facilitation of adventure-based learning activities
	SISOABL402A	Facilitate adventure-based learning activities
	SISOCR301A	Conduct a low ropes session
	SISOCR403A	Supervise a low ropes session
	SISOCR505A	Manage a low ropes course
	SISOODR302A	Plan outdoor recreation activities
	SISOODR303A	Guide outdoor recreation sessions
	SISOODR404A	Manage risk in an outdoor activity
	SISOOPS201A	Minimise environmental impact
	SISOOPS304A	Plan for minimal environmental impact
	SISOOPS306A	Interpret weather conditions in the field
	SISXCAI306A	Facilitate groups
	SISXEMR201A	Respond to emergency situations
	SISXEMR402A	Coordinate emergency response
	SISXOHS101A	Follow occupational health and safety policies
	SISXOHS402A	Implement and monitor occupational health and safety policies