

Qualifications Review: NZOIA & Skills Active

NZOIA should work with Maritime NZ and Multisport NZ to develop a stand-alone Multisport Kayak qualification relevant to instructors who are training and certifying competitors			Response Percent	Response Count
1 Strongly disagree			10.5%	20
2			7.4%	14
3			5.3%	10
4			23.7%	45
5			18.9%	36
6			18.4%	35
7 Strongly agree			15.8%	30
Please comment				57
			answered question	190
			skipped question	102

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1	i dont think the disaplines are that different between multisport andNormal? kayaking	Aug 27, 2009 11:42 PM
2	If its needed	Aug 28, 2009 12:15 AM
3	As long as there is firm critera on skills needed to be certified, level 1 kayak should suffice	Aug 28, 2009 12:20 AM
4	The instructor needs Kayak 1 skills + race specific techniques but with out necessarily needing to teach rolling.	Aug 28, 2009 12:34 AM
5	Kayak 1 works well at this from my perspective. From the stories coming out of the coast to coast and many other multisport events it doesn't sound like many competitors have had an excess of river instruction input into their training. Again an endorsement could work well for this.	Aug 28, 2009 12:48 AM
6	NO experience - cannot comment	Aug 28, 2009 1:37 AM
7	Can do this with the current Kayak 1 award.	Aug 28, 2009 1:52 AM
8	not my area	Aug 28, 2009 2:21 AM
9	As I'm not a kayaker I can't comment, but it seems a reasonable idea.	Aug 28, 2009 2:59 AM
10	Is there currently a safety issue for these types of events ? Work is work for sure but, the event organisers should have an auditable safety back drop for their event.	Aug 28, 2009 3:12 AM
11	This is probably a bit of a joke. What's the purpose of this?	Aug 28, 2009 6:00 AM
12	Why? Flatwater and kayak one already exist.	Aug 28, 2009 9:08 AM

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13	Side stepping the major issue. Most instructors who are training multi-sport athletes are crap! The C-to C certification process is a national joke that will unravel in court!	Aug 28, 2009 3:06 PM
14	Yes and no, I work in multisport a lot and have kayak 1, i think it is at the right level but perhaps there should be a different pathway for multiporters. I have had some of my hardest instructional days teaching MS, due to many factors esp doing waimak runs. You need all the skills in K1 and more, def not less	Aug 28, 2009 6:10 PM
15	Could be a good revenue generator	Aug 28, 2009 11:03 PM
16	Go for it if there is an industry demand.	Aug 30, 2009 6:46 AM
17	if you can make money out of it do it	Aug 30, 2009 6:55 AM
18	Whether it is an NZOIA qualification or another qualification, there needs to be one overall assessment criteria in NZ, cross-crediting other achievements (such as SKOANZ)	Aug 30, 2009 6:55 AM
19	NZOIA (Linda Wensley in particular) developed this qualification a few years ago but it has never been used!!! Reinvent!	Aug 30, 2009 10:06 PM
20	NZOIA has worked with multisprt gps	Aug 31, 2009 12:01 AM
21	too many quals....wrap it up using endorsements and strengthen the system generally	Aug 31, 2009 7:19 AM
22	Not sure on this one. The do need some sort of qualification to enable them to participate in the competitions, does NZOIA need to be involved? Why dont maritime NZ and Multisport NZ come up with one? Just thoughts, it doesn't bother me either way.	Aug 31, 2009 7:52 AM
23	No, core skills are the same on any river.	Aug 31, 2009 8:42 AM
24	Nice to have, but not essential - we should focus on the core business - Kayak 1 instructors should have the skills to carry out the basics and then it is up to individuals to seek out appropriate instructors with multi-sport experience. Otherwise we could potentially expend a lot of time effort and money for reasonably small client groups.	Aug 31, 2009 9:40 PM
25	This is a growth area. Just a bit wary of growing like Topsy and losing our focus.	Sep 1, 2009 2:18 AM
26	dunno	Sep 1, 2009 4:35 AM
27	There is a gap do people really need a qualification for this though? Do competitors require a qualification to compete in multisports that is higher than what is required for say the coast - to coast? Can we not trust that anyone with a kayak 1 award is able to issue this? Or someone with a good experience of multisport kayaking? As it is for the individual competitors participation could they not be given the responsibility to find someone suitable to train them for whatever ticket they might need?	Sep 1, 2009 4:40 AM
28	The current levels do this fine. All that is missing is that the race organisers need to specify what skills are required (as many do) and instructors can pass on those skills. The issue at the moment is more about unqualified Instructors giving a bogus cert based on paddling on the sea. How ever this situation has been reducing over the years as word of mouth tells the customer that short cutting this training means long swims.	Sep 1, 2009 7:55 AM
29	NZOIA is not Registered to offer quals and Skills Active is a ITO not a PTE	Sep 1, 2009 9:50 AM
30	White-water kayaking and multisport are such different beasts. Local kayak club now has to specifically state that beginners courses are NOT grade 2 cert courses!	Sep 1, 2009 10:23 AM
31	Why get qualifications for everything? Surely kayak 1 would suffice.	Sep 1, 2009 10:53 PM
32	can not comment	Sep 1, 2009 11:27 PM
33	There are enough qualifications. Multisport NZ can still set there own entry requirements and if they wish can determine who can assess.	Sep 1, 2009 11:31 PM
34	Not fussed either way.	Sep 2, 2009 12:40 AM
35	I see far too many MS kayakers with no safety gear whatever - this is dangerous	Sep 2, 2009 9:50 AM

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36	pass	Sep 2, 2009 8:57 PM
37	At the mo, anyone with kayak 1 is certified by coast to Coast to award multisport certificates. Kayak 1 has little similarity with the multisport scene	Sep 2, 2009 11:01 PM
38	this is a mess at the moment	Sep 3, 2009 10:01 AM
39	Could a Kayak1 instructor not suit this role? A kayak1 instructor holds the required abilities, in fact Kayak one is for the teaching of kayaking on moving water right? There is no need for such an award, it would only serve to dumb down the abilities required for instructing on moving water and confuse employees. What could be done is more promotion of the instructor search so multi sporters are aware of Kayak1 instructs and that they are available to assess them. The skills and people currently exist, we just need to get instructors and client together.	Sep 3, 2009 10:26 PM
40	There needs to be more pressure put on race organisers to ensure that racers are receiving their grade two certs from certified/qualified instructors. This could be an endorsement obtainable for level one award holders and level 2 award holders would be accredited for certifying.	Sep 8, 2009 12:29 AM
41	Multi sport "grade II" is a white water reading skill. Do we really need another?	Sep 9, 2009 11:47 PM
42	i don't see the need. the focus in on kayak safety in these courses. how many kayak qualifications do we want to have how about a play boaters award and a slalom award oh and a dr award. lets not forget a surfing award and kayak fishing award. have i made my point yet? i do tend to get carried away sometimes	Sep 14, 2009 12:03 AM
43	It seems to be happening that way	Sep 14, 2009 12:10 AM
44	Makes sense	Sep 14, 2009 12:43 AM
45	Is Kayak 1 not enough to be a Multisport certifier? But having a specific qual for this may make access for multisporters more easier.	Sep 14, 2009 1:02 AM
46	i think its ok to have a multi sport instructor quafacation but i don't think it should be a stand alone qualifacation kayak 1 should super seed it	Sep 14, 2009 3:50 AM
47	levl playing feild	Sep 14, 2009 8:30 AM
48	if there is enough demand why not	Sep 14, 2009 9:00 AM
49	as explained above	Sep 14, 2009 10:32 AM
50	30 percent swim rate on coast to coast! some thing has to be done	Sep 16, 2009 10:15 PM
51	Why not have a multisport endorsement on Kayak 1?	Sep 17, 2009 5:39 AM
52	there should at least be some system to decide who can train and certify competitors (level 2 only?? an added cert for a level 1??) and a clear qualification for competitors. i think that would be helpful.	Sep 17, 2009 5:16 PM
53	i dont know - i have kayak 1 but mostly instruct for multisport - i recognise that there are differences but have been doing it for 10yrs and have done a couple of races - i guess it would make instructor selection easier for clients; however i guess I'd have to go sit another assessment so make sure new clients would choose me	Sep 18, 2009 10:20 PM
54	there are a # of of very good multisport instructors who have no formal Qual but have a vested interest in turning out good and well taught students who don't have contact with these organization & at the end of the day who is Multisport NZ and do they care who signs the GII cert as long as they can past the resposibility for the skills to the person that signs the cert. myself personally if the student doestn't come up to standard (for instance rolling) they don't don't get a cert.	Sep 19, 2009 4:52 AM
55	NZOIA should contact those who would be hiring multisport instructors to learn what extra training is required for Kayak 1 instructors currently to make them into multisport instructors, to understand what the market is looking for in a Grade 2 cert. They should also speak to race directors and safety personnel to understand their needs in a cert. And lastly, they should speak to the clubs, such as Arawa whose members are the end users of such systems, are intimately involved with race participants and organization issues including safety concerns, and have basic instructional facilities in place currently for multisport kayaking.	Sep 19, 2009 10:33 AM

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56	is it really that seperate / different? is it necessary?	Oct 5, 2009 2:31 AM
57	These organisations should be focused on increasing participation in multisport and encouraging personal responsibility of the skills needed to compete. As part of this, competitors should be encouraged to join kayak clubs (as well as running/cycling/mountainbiking/orienteering clubs - which are all activities just as dangerous as kayaking) to develop skills over a period of time. One weekend of instruction - no matter how competent or qualified the instructor - is not enough time to teach someone to kayak. The current focus on single weekend 'grade 2' courses does little to develop skills, while kayak clubs continue to produce skilled paddlers.	Oct 8, 2009 10:04 PM