

# Avalanche Rescue

This course is designed to give an understanding of avalanches in New Zealand, the response responsibilities of organisations and individuals, the principles of victim survival and the use of search and rescue resources for avalanche rescue. Content includes the planning, execution and management of avalanche rescue on site as well as operational avalanche rescue skills such as discovering and sifting clues, visual and audio avalanche search techniques, the use of transceivers, probing for survivors and the immediate care of patients recovered.



**Duration:** The core course material is normally delivered over **two days**. There is also pre-course work (available on line). Assessment occurs alongside the training and through a reflective practice component.

Eligible for NZLSAR subsidy

**Course recommended for:** Rescue personnel active and experienced in the alpine and climbing environments or ski field work.

**Please note that ski and/or mountaineering equipment will be required to access a suitable environment.**

**Prerequisites:** Avalanche awareness programmes and/or their equivalents and continued participation in an appropriate SAR team or similar.

**Venue recommendations:** access to classroom type facilities plus access to good snow base.

Venue hire, participant accommodation and catering are a local cost.

**Equipment requirements:** Ice axe, crampons, transceiver, harness, helmet, probe, shovel, selection of hardware, touring skis / snow shoes, clothing suitable for work in the field regardless of weather

A complete list of equipment will be supplied upon application for this course.

**Course Numbers:** minimum 12 and maximum 16

Course name	Reference Code	Level	Credits
Demonstrate avalanche rescue techniques	SAR 3 – 114	5	15