

NZOIA Pre-requisite Exemption Policy

NZOIA's Level 1 qualifications are a pre-requisite for their Level 2 assessments for two key reasons:

- Level 1 assessment tasks will/may not be repeated in the Level 2 assessment so we need to know the candidate has prior competence. E.g. Commercial Abseil set-up in Rock 1 is not specifically identified in the Rock 2 syllabus.
- Assessors reported that a high percentage of candidates who went directly to a Level 2 assessment were finding the assessment challenging resulting in deferrals and re-sits.

If you want to advance directly to a Level 2 assessment you can apply for an exemption to this pre-requisite. You will need to provide the following evidence:

- Instructional and personal days above the minimum the Level 2 assessment requires
- An attestation from an Level 1 assessor

The Level 1 assessor must attest that you are competent in all aspects of the Level 1 syllabus including working with students. To reliably do this the assessor would have needed to see you working over a period of time. This does not give you the Level 1 qualification, it simply assures NZOIA that you are ready for a Level 2 assessment and have been working at Level 1 competently and repetitively.

If you are in this situation please apply to the Technical Sub Committee outlining your instructional and personal experience along with your attestation from a current NZOIA Level 1 assessor in the discipline you are applying for.

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis in light of current industry regulation. It is likely that direct entry to Level 2 qualifications will no longer be possible in the near future.