



# ASSESSMENT VERIFICATION AS 4488 Rope Access Operator

(Complete and mail to PACI within 5 days) (RIIWH5204D Industrial roping only)

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## PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY TRAINEE (please print clearly in CAPITALS using permanent ink)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Second name \_\_\_\_\_ Last (family) name \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Sex: M [ ] F [ ] Previous certification no. \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

**Trainee Statement:** *I understand the competency standards for this qualification level and have successfully achieved all performance criteria and/or related learning outcomes without prompting or assistance from others. I am adequately prepared to independently apply knowledge and skills related to this qualification level in areas and under conditions similar to those in which I was assessed. I realise that additional training and experience is required for participation in specialised activities at height involving new and/or unfamiliar equipment. I am aware that I am 'competent at time of assessment' and may need to update or refresh my knowledge and skills after long periods of inactivity. My signature on this verification form is my personal guarantee that I accept and agree with the assessment decision made by my assessor. I agree to abide by the Professional Association of Climbing Instructors' standard safe practices for working at height.*

Trainee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 2: ASSESSMENT INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY ASSESSOR ONLY)

### AS 4488 Rope Access Operator

Name of PACI course - indicate if RPL, Upgrade or Renewal

Name of trainees organisation/company (eg Acme Height Access Pty Ltd)

Industry context eg Mining, Construction, Geo technical, Energy supply, Vegetation management, etc

Assessor name (full legal name)

PACI No. (eg L-007)

Assessment Date

Name of your training organisation

Occupational stream: Rope Access Worker

State/Territory where training delivered: \_\_\_\_\_ (eg. QLD, NSW, NT, Overseas etc.)

**Endorsements: (mark with an 'X' all that apply within AS 4488 rope suspension context only):** This section tells us about the context and environment in which the assessment took place. *Note: Speculation or assumptions about trainee competence is not permitted.*

#### 1. ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS

- a.  assessed on the job at a real workplace
- b.  assessed at a simulated workplace
- c.  assessed with trainer/school supplied PPE & equipment
- d.  assessed with employer supplied PPE & equipment

#### 2. SCOPE OF COMPETENCY / SITE CAPABILITY

Competent to work at the following sites:

- a.  multi-story buildings
- b.  bridges/spans
- c.  construction sites
- d.  cuttings / steep embankments / batters
- e.  natural surfaces (cliffs)
- f.  cable-ways / chair lifts
- g.  tower structures: comms / energy / cable-way
- h.  underground at a mine site
- i.  industrial sites: fixed plant and machinery
- j.  industrial sites: mobile plant and machinery
- k.  sites with no direct foot access to bottom
- l.  sites with foot access to top and bottom
- m.  single-pitch / multi-pitch applications (indicate)
- n.  sites with direct vertical descent pathway to access job position
- o.  accessing & working underneath overhangs and/or in voids

#### 3. PPE & EQUIPMENT

- a.  competent to select appropriate harness for rope suspension work
- b.  assessed in fitting, adjusting & checking PPE & equipment
- c.  assessed in identifying appropriate connective hard points for attaching PPE
- c.  competent to use a personal lanyard to limit or avoid potential falls
- d.  assessed in integrating a custom-made double lanyard system into harness
- e.  assessed in using a commercial double hook lanyard
- g.  assessed in checking connector compatibility & security to avoid roll-out
- h.  assessed in checking PPE inspection tags are present & appropriately positioned

#### 4. ROPE ACCESS SYSTEMS

- a.  assessed in consistently tying a range of life support knots
- b.  assessed in achieving knot security & stability
- c.  assessed in selecting optimum knot for application
- d.  assessed in installing a twin rope suspension system
- e.  assessed in installing anchor systems to AS 4488 & AS 1891.4 requirements
- f.  assessed in accurately positioning anchorage to enable precise descent path
- g.  assessed in using existing installed rope access anchors
- h.  assessed in using existing (in-situ) structural fittings
- i.  assessed in using natural anchors (eg trees, boulders)
- j.  assessed in using portable clamping devices
- k.  assessed in installing permanent bolt anchors  
Type:  mechanical  chemical (glue-in)

#### 5. FALL PROTECTION SYSTEMS

- a.  assessed in using a restraint system to prevent falls over an exposed edge
- b.  assessed in descending with a guided fall-arrest device trailing on a backup safety rope
- c.  assessed in using a positioning system
- d.  assessed in achieving a hands-free work position
- e.  assessed in maintaining balance & stability while under rope suspension

#### 6. DIVERSION SYSTEMS

- a.  not assessed
- b.  assessed in installing diversion systems to accurately redirect rope trajectories

#### 7. ABSEIL ACCESS SKILLS

- c.  assessed in using a proprietary frame: \_\_\_\_\_
- a.  assessed in single-pitch / multi-pitch applications (indicate)
- b.  assessed in using a self-locking descending device:  
type:  single-brake  double-brake
- c.  assessed in descending with ABoK #1195 (Munter hitch)
- d.  assessed in descending with a bosuns chair (swing seat)
- e.  assessed in descending through wet-dry rope transitions
- f.  assessed in maintaining balance & speed control

#### 8. MOBILITY SKILLS

- a.  assessed in performing a fixed knot bypass
- b.  not assessed in performing fixed knot bypass skills

- c.  assessed in climbing up & down fixed ropes using:  
 mechanical ascending devices  slide & grip hitches
- d.  assessed in transitioning through a re-anchor / rebelay
- e.  assessed in performing a change-over from descent to ascent
- f.  assessed in transferring to an adjacent pair of ropes while fully suspended (short rope transfer)
- g.  assessed in performing a traverse within a closed loop suspension system (loop traverse / long rope transfer)

#### 9. MECHANICAL ADVANTAGE SKILLS

- a.  assessed in building an M.A system to hoist tools & equipment
- b.  assessed in hoisting a person to a target work position

#### 10. LOWERING SKILLS

- a.  assessed in lowering tools and equipment
- b.  assessed in lowering a person to a target work position

#### 11. RESCUE SKILLS

- a.  assessed in rescuing a patient suspended on a fixed rope (pick-off or snatch rescue)
- b.  assessed in hoisting a patient using a mechanical advantage system
- c.  assessed in using own body weight as part of a counter-weight lifting system
- d.  assessed in using a mini-haul system to lift & transfer patient (mechanical aid)
- e.  assessed in rescuing a patient from within a closed loop suspension system
- f.  assessed in accessing patient from below
- g.  assessed in rescuing a patient from a jammed position underneath an overhang/platform (dead-headed)

#### 12. HOUSEKEEPING

- a.  assessed in maintaining a tidy workplace
- b.  competent to avoid creating trip & snag hazards

#### 13. AUTONOMY

- a.  assessed in working as an effective member of a rope access crew
- b.  assessed in applying skills alone & unaided
- c.  assessed in performing own safety checks of PPE and rope access system
- d.  competent to follow work permit requirements

Transfer skills: Was the training site-specific?  No  Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)

#### Request to issue a Qualification:

- Please issue this trainee with a *statement of attainment* (for original training to achieve competency)
- Please issue this trainee with a *statement of currency* (for refresher / skills maintenance programs)

**ASSESSOR STATEMENT:** *I certify that this person has reached a proficiency level acceptable to industry and has successfully achieved all performance criteria and/or related learning outcomes without requiring my direct assistance, guidance or intervention. I further certify that the assessment was conducted as specified in the most current PACI training materials and in compliance with PACI standards & procedures. I further certify that my assessment activities were in compliance with the relevant nationally endorsed training package and/or curriculum and in accordance with the national principles for assessment. My signature appearing herein is my personal guarantee that I am a qualified and experienced assessor with relevant technical competencies for the level that was assessed. I further acknowledge and accept that PACI will conduct quality assurance monitoring on my performance and I may be held accountable for my professional conduct in my capacity as a qualified assessor. I understand that fraud is a criminal offence and I intend this statement to be legally binding.*

Assessor signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_