

STATUTORY DECLARATION – Currency in Vertical Rescue skills

I, _____

of _____

in the State / Territory of _____, do solemnly and sincerely declare

[read and initial each paragraph]

___ that I am intending to apply for membership with PACI in a leadership capacity and am using this document to declare that my vertical rescue skills are current.

___ that I make this declaration in lieu of a properly signed and authenticated logbook record or letter of verification from the person whom I rescued from height (in a simulated emergency).

___ that I have personally practiced a timed suspended patient extraction (ie 'pluck-off') procedure with a person simulating unconsciousness (hereinafter referred to as the 'patient') within the past 12 months. My suspended patient extraction was completed under the following conditions:

the patient was fully suspended on a fixed rope at height.

the rescue procedure was accomplished without the direct assistance of the patient or guidance from others. I did not use any ledges for support or in no way tried to temporarily remove tension by using a support or foot hold.

the rescue procedure was completed within four (4) minutes calculated from moment of contact to moment of descent with patient.

that I performed the rescue procedure in the context and environment applicable to my work requirements using equipment that I would normally have immediately available.

that I performed the rescue procedure using only the equipment that I was able to carry on my harness and that I did not have access to additional items once the timed procedure had commenced.

___ that I have personally practiced a lowering procedure with a person who simulated an injury to the extent that the person was unable to assist in any way. My lowering procedure was completed under the following conditions:

I worked alone and unaided throughout the entire rescue procedure.

a fixed knot was bypassed through the lowering/belay system.

continuous tension was maintained throughout the lowering procedure – at no time was weight/tension removed to provide a momentary advantage.

the patient was successfully lowered to safe ground without harm or injury or incident

I used equipment resources that were relevant to my normal workplace conditions

___ that I have personally practiced a hauling procedure with a person who simulated an injury to the extent that the person was unable to assist in any way. My hauling procedure was completed under the following conditions:

I worked alone and unaided throughout the entire rescue procedure.

continuous tension was maintained throughout the hauling procedure – at no time was weight/tension removed to provide a momentary advantage.

the patient was successfully hauled (raised) to safe ground without harm or injury or incident

I used equipment resources that were relevant to my normal workplace conditions

___ that I have personally practiced an assisted abseil procedure with a person who simulated an injury to the extent that the person was unable to assist in any way. My assisted abseil procedure was completed under the following conditions:

I worked alone and unaided throughout the entire rescue procedure.

I completed a continuous descent with my patient from a high position to reach safe ground without causing harm, injury or any incident.

___ that I have personally practiced a knot bypass during an abseil descent. My descent was completed under the following conditions:

I worked alone and unaided throughout the entire knot bypass procedure.

The knot was fixed in defined position and was not untied or re-adjusted to provide an advantage or to correct an error

continuous tension was maintained throughout the knot bypass procedure – at no time was weight/tension removed to provide a momentary advantage.

I used a maximum of two (2) accessory (ie Prusik) cords for the bypass procedure. No additional tape or webbing or cord was used.

At no time did I lose control or create undue risk either to myself or others

I used equipment resources that were relevant to my normal workplace conditions

___ that I acknowledge and accept that before I can supervise others or conduct instructional activities at height, I must be capable of rescuing them in the event of an emergency. I realise that I owe a legal duty of care to be capable of rescuing those individuals who are under my charge.

___ that I am aware of and accept the fact that OH&S legislation further specifies that I have an obligation to ensure the health and safety of all those persons who may be affected by my workplace activities. I understand that such legislation has serious legal implications if I am found not to be capable of rescuing those persons under my care.

___ that it is my responsibility to remain up-to-date with current best practice in vertical rope rescue techniques so that I can effectively respond to abseiling/climbing emergency situations in my capacity as a leader/instructor

___ I further acknowledge that this document may be relied upon in any proceedings instituted in any Court by me or my heirs, executors and assigns or any other natural person.

I acknowledge that this declaration is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.

Signature of person making declaration	
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Declared at _____ in the State/Territory of _____

on the _____ Day of _____ 19 _____

Before me,

Signature	
Print Name	
Address	
Status*	

* Justice of the Peace

* Person authorised under Section 107A (1) of the evidence Act 1958 to witness the signing of a Statutory Declaration