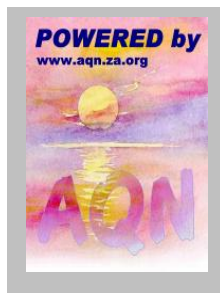


## Mountaineering Training Courses Fact Sheet: **Top-Rope Supervisor course**



Professional Qualifications Courses

### **Top-Rope Supervisor course**

#### **Who should do this courses?**

This professional development training course is aimed at the person who is serious about qualifying for a career as a mountaineering adventure guide or anyone who runs rock climbing adventures as part of their work or for recreation such as school teachers, camp councillors and social workers. The course is also ideal for instructors at climbing walls on cruise ships.

This is the ideal course for those wanting to supervise group top-rope climbing whether at outdoor crags or at the local climbing gym. The course follows the MDT Top-Rope Supervisor syllabus and is ideal preparation for later assessment at that level or towards a National Qualification in Mountaineering Guiding. The course has the option of an add-on module to supervise lead climbing on bolt-protected (sport) climbing routes. After the course you will automatically be registered with the MDT as a learner.

**Topics covered include:** Equipment; knots; group management; anchoring principles & set-ups; client care and communication; guide books & route finding; dealing with emergencies.

**Participant requirements:** The course is open to any reasonably healthy and physically capable person over the age of 18. Courses for younger participants can be arranged on request although MDT registrations will be limited to students over 18 years. Previous basic sport climbing experience is required OR the completion of the Introduction to Sport Climbing Course.

**Course duration & times:** 1 day OR 2 days with Sport Climbing Leading module.  
Usually run as two consecutive days.  
Usually from 09:00 until 16:00 daily.

**Group size & ratios:** Minimum of three students required for course to run.  
Maximum of 6 students per course.  
Maximum of 1 Instructor : 6 Students

**Equipment:** Venture Forth can provide all group equipment for this course but students are encouraged to have their own personal gear such as harness, rock shoes, helmet, belay device and locking karabiner.

#### **Recommended follow-up programs:**

- [Abseil Guide Course](#)
- [Traditional Climbing Leader's Course](#)
- [Single-Pitch Supervisor Course](#)