Context
Bushwalking in intermediate areas (difficult or trackless areas) is hiking through naturally occurring and or modified landscapes:

- Where the nearest built up area, or safe collecting feature can be reached within 1 or 2 days’ walk;
- Relates to conducting walks on class 5 or 6 tracks, or areas where there are limited modifications to the natural surface so that track alignment is indistinct in places, walking through challenging natural areas requiring well developed navigation skills.

Qualifications
The CARA requires a teacher leading bushwalking in this environment to possess the following units as a minimum:

Interpret weather conditions in the field
- Demonstrating an understanding of weather patterns and influences in operational areas.
- Identify changing weather conditions and respond appropriately to manage activity.

Apply intermediate bushwalking skills
- Select appropriate equipment, plan, organise and walk safely
- Demonstrate walking and navigation skills in the appropriate non-urban environment

Apply navigation skills in an intermediate environment
- Navigate by using a map and compass following a planned route in a challenging environment

Respond to emergency situations
Provide first aid (credit transfer only)

Apply river crossing skills – completed via a separate one day course
Operate communication systems and equipment (Required for skill set – available upon application only)
Use and maintain a temporary or overnight site (Required for skill set – available upon application only)
Guide intermediate bushwalks (Required for skill set – available upon application only)

Details
Teachers will need to demonstrate competence in leading student groups during this type of activity by

- Applying the skills briefly outlined above and leading student groups on a minimum of 3 occasions.
- Personally participating in similar or higher level trips to other venues on at least 3 occasions.
- Conducting and recording the risk assessment process for the trips with students
- Planning and successfully leading the trips with students and managing issues/incidents.
- Concluding the activity successfully and recording the process and results.
- Demonstrating an understanding of weather patterns and influences in operational areas.
- Holding current Provide First Aid Certification.

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