

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 4)

Level 4

Credits 70

Purpose

This qualification is designed for people working in urban fire and rescue services in the structural and industrial fire fighting environment towards achievement of the position of Senior Firefighter. This is the third of three progressive qualifications developed for urban fire and rescue firefighters.

There is no compulsory section to this qualification. However, achievement of a prerequisite qualification, ie National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 3) [Ref: 0538], or any previous version, requires significant operational experience and competence in the industry. The qualification was previously named the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Structural and Industrial) (Level 3).

The structure of this qualification allows for a choice of unit standards involving aspects of fire safety and control, knowledge of fires, education and training, fire fighting equipment, and operations related to structural and industrial fires.

The qualification allows for a variety of options within the areas of structural and industrial, generic fire fighting, workplace emergency risk management, and workplace fire and emergency response, and expands to allow freedom of choice from any unit standards from the specified areas of business, education, humanities, health, and community and social services.

Credit Range

	Elective A	Elective B
Level 3 credits	-	0-10
Level 4 or above credits	40	20-30
Minimum totals	40	30

Requirements for Award of Qualification

This qualification will be awarded to people credited with a minimum of 70 credits, of which a minimum of 60 credits are at level 4 or above, who have met the requirements of the elective sections, and who have achieved the prerequisite qualification of the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 3) [Ref: 0538], or any previous version. The qualification was previously named the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Structural and Industrial) (Level 3).

Award of NQF Qualifications

Credit gained for a standard may be used only once to meet the requirements of this qualification.

Unit standards and achievement standards that are equivalent in outcome are mutually exclusive for the purpose of award. The table of mutually exclusive standards is provided in the Qualifications Authority *Rules and Procedures* publications available at www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/.

Reviewed standards that continue to recognise the same overall outcome are registered as new versions and retain their identification number (Id). Any version of a standard with the same Id may be used to meet qualification requirements that list the Id and/or that specify the past or current classification of the standard.

Detailed Qualification Requirements

Elective Set A

A minimum of 40 credits at level 4 or above is required from unit standards in the following subfields and domains.

Field	Subfield	Domain
Community and Social Services	Community and Workplace Fire and Emergency Management	Any
	Fire and Rescue Services	Fire and Rescue Services – Generic Fire Fighting
		Fire and Rescue Services – Structural and Industrial

Elective Set B

A minimum of 30 credits is required, of which 20 credits are at level 4 or above, and 10 credits are at level 3 or above, from unit standards in the following subfields and domains.

Field	Subfield	Domain
Business	Management	Human Resource Management
		Management – Developing and Coordinating People
Community and Social Services	Community and Workplace Fire and Emergency Management	Any
	Fire and Rescue Services	Any
	Specialist Rescue	Any
Education	Adult Education and Training	Any
	Generic Education and Training	Assessment of Learning
	Teacher Education	Teaching
Health	Emergency Services	Pre-hospital Emergency Care

Field	Subfield	Domain
Humanities	Communication Skills	Interpersonal Communications
		Writing

Transition Arrangements

Version 3

Version 3 was issued following the review of unit standards in the Fire and Rescue Services subfield.

Changes to structure and content

- the title has been changed
- the credit total of the qualification has been reduced from 105 to 70
- number of elective groups have been reduced from three to two
- the elective section has been changed to meet industry requirements.

People currently working towards version 2 of this qualification may either complete the requirements for that version or transfer their results to this version of the qualification.

For the purposes of this qualification, credit awarded in the following domains will be accepted as meeting the qualification requirements.

Credits for standards in	Count towards qualification requirements where the following is specified
Community and Social Services>Fire Fighting>Fire Fighting – Airport	Community and Social Services>Fire and Rescue Services>Fire and Rescue Services – Airport
Community and Social Services>Fire Fighting>Fire Fighting – Structural and Industrial	Community and Social Services>Fire and Rescue Services>Fire and Rescue Services – Structural and Industrial
Community and Social Services>Fire Fighting>Fire Fighting – Vegetation	Community and Social Services>Fire and Rescue Services>Fire and Rescue Services – Vegetation
Community and Social Services>Fire Fighting>Fire Fighting Skills	Community and Social Services>Fire and Rescue Services>Fire and Rescue Services – Generic Fire Fighting
Community and Social Services>Fire Fighting>Fire Fighting – Emergency Service Skills	Community and Social Services>Specialist Rescue>Urban Search and Rescue – Operations

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the Qualifications Authority website.

Previous versions of the qualification

Version 2 was issued in December 2000 to take account of unit standard reviews.

Changes to structure and content

The Community and Workplace Fire and Emergency Management subfield and domains were added to the elective sections, and transition arrangements were included for people with credit for Fire Fighting unit standards.

NQF Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Award
Registration	1	April 1999	31 December 2003
Revision	2	December 2000	31 December 2006
Review	3	December 2004	N/A

Standard Setting Body

Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation
PO Box 11 988
WELLINGTON

Telephone 04 801 9469
Email info@frsito.org.nz

Any person or organisation may contribute to the review of this qualification by sending feedback to the standard setting body at the above address.

The review of this qualification is planned to take place in December 2008.

Other standard setting bodies whose standards are included in the qualification

ElectroTechnology Industry Training Organisation
NZQA

Certification

The certificate will display the logos of the Qualifications Authority, the provider, and Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation.

Classification

This qualification is classified according to the NQF classification system and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

NQF Classification		NZSCED	
Code	Description	Code	Description
357	Community and Social Services/Fire and Rescue Services	039905	Engineering and Related Technologies/Other Engineering and Related Technologies/Fire

			Technology and Rescue Services
--	--	--	--------------------------------

Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Accreditation requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) for each standard.