

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 5)

Level	5
Credits	40

Purpose

This qualification is designed for people working at, or intending to work at, fire management level, either in paid employment or as a volunteer, who have responsibility for the supervision and direction of fire fighters and resources, including operational management of fires at a senior level.

This is the fourth of five national certificates developed for vegetation fire and rescue fire fighters, commencing at level 2, progressing on through levels 3, 4, 5, and 6, and complementing the National Diploma in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation Fire Fighting – Management) (Level 5) [Ref: 0780].

Achievement of this qualification is a prerequisite to the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 6) [Ref: 1185], enabling credit gained for the skills and knowledge recognised by this qualification to be used as further progression towards some of the requirements of the higher-level vegetation qualifications.

This qualification covers a range of knowledge and skills specific to vegetation fire prevention, command and control of fire fighting, as well as the management functions within a rural fire organisation. It covers the skills required by people operating at the Operations Manager and Incident Controller level whose responsibilities include training, personnel management, application of policy and legislation, health and safety, and fire line supervision.

The compulsory section contains standards that support the role of a Fire Manager, covering assessment of threat from vegetation fire, demonstration of knowledge of vegetation fire behaviour, supervision of the operation of aircraft at vegetation fires, and management of ground operations at vegetation fires.

The elective sets provide flexibility to the qualification and offer a choice of standards from within the Fire and Rescue Services subfield and other sectors that have relevance to the responsibilities required of a Fire Manager working in today's highly technical and legislated fire and emergency environment. They also provide opportunities for people progressing within the fire fighting industry to select standards from anywhere on the National Qualifications Framework.

Replacement Information

This qualification replaced the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation Fire Fighting Logistics) (Level 5) [Ref: 0777] and the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation Fire Fighting Operations) (Level 5) [Ref: 0778].

Credit Range

	Compulsory	Set A	Set B
Level 5 or above credits	24	12-16	0-4
Minimum totals	24	12-16	0-4

Requirements for Award of Qualification

This qualification will be awarded to people who have met the requirements of the compulsory and elective sections, and who have been awarded the prerequisite qualification of the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 4) [Ref: 1183].

Compulsory

All the standards listed are required.

Elective

A minimum of 16 credits at level 5 or above is required from sets A and B, of which a minimum of 12 credits must come from set A.

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

Compulsory

All the standards listed below are required.

Field Community and Social Services
 Subfield Fire and Rescue Services
 Domain Fire and Rescue Services – Vegetation

Id	Title	Level	Credit
3304	Assess threat from vegetation fire	5	5
4648	Demonstrate knowledge of vegetation fire behaviour	5	8
14563	Supervise the operation of aircraft at vegetation fires	5	5
20396	Manage ground operations at vegetation fires	5	6

Elective

A minimum of 16 credits at level 5 or above is required from sets A and B, of which a minimum of 12 credits must come from set A.

Set A

A minimum of 12 credits required from the following subfields and domains.

Field	Subfield	Domain
Business	Management	First Line Management
		Management – Business Relationships
		Management – Developing and Coordinating People
		Management – Organisational Direction and Strategy
		Management – Systems and Resources
		Quality Management
Community and Social Services	Civil Defence	Any
	Community and Workplace Fire and Emergency Management	Any
	Fire and Rescue Services	Any
Education	Adult Education and Training	Any
	Generic Education and Training	Any
Humanities	Communication Skills	Interpersonal Communications
		Writing

Set B

A balance of credits, if required to meet the requirements of the elective, may be drawn from anywhere on the National Qualifications Framework.

Transition Arrangements

This qualification replaced the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation Fire Fighting Logistics) (Level 5) [Ref: 0777] and the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation Fire Fighting Operations) (Level 5) [Ref: 0778] following a comprehensive review of standards and qualifications for the vegetation fire prevention and fire fighting sector. There had been a very low uptake of those qualifications and it was decided to develop a new qualification aimed more directly towards the position of Fire Manager.

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

People currently working towards either of the replaced qualifications may either complete the requirements for that qualification or transfer their results to this qualification. The last date for the award of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2006.

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards.

Credit for	Exempt from
3295 and 3298	20396

For the purposes of this qualification, credit awarded in the following subfield 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	Community and Social Services>Fire and Rescue Services

NQF Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Award
Registration	1	August 2005	N/A

Standard Setting Body

Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation
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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 2009.

Other standard setting bodies whose standards are included in the qualification

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.

Prerequisite Diagram