

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 6)

Level 6

Credits 48

Purpose

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

This is the fifth 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].

This qualification covers a range of knowledge and skills specific to vegetation fire prevention, command and control of fire fighting, as well the management of a rural fire organisation. It covers the skills required by people operating at the at Principal Rural Fire Officer and Incident Controller level whose responsibilities include the management of business processes, setting policy, and performing fire management duties.

The compulsory section contains standards that support the role of a fire agency or organisation manager, covering command of vegetation fire incidents, applying knowledge of vegetation fire behaviour, carrying out planning activities at rural fire operations, and demonstration of knowledge of legislated responsibilities of a rural fire authority.

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 Principal Rural Fire Officer and Incident Controller working at a management level in a fire agency or organisation. 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 – Planning and Administration) (Level 6) [Ref: 0779].

Credit Range

| | Compulsory | Set A | Set B |
|--------------------------|------------|-------|-------|
| Level 5 credits | 8 | - | - |
| Level 6 or above credits | 28 | 8-12 | 0-4 |
| Minimum totals | 36 | 8 | 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 5) [Ref: 1184].

Compulsory

All the standards listed are required.

Elective

A minimum of 12 credits at level 6 or above is required from sets A and B, of which a minimum of 8 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 |
|-------|--|-------|--------|
| 3300 | Command vegetation fire incidents | 6 | 8 |
| 4649 | Apply knowledge of vegetation fire behaviour | 6 | 10 |
| 4650 | Carry out planning activities at rural fire operations | 6 | 10 |
| 20397 | Demonstrate knowledge of legislated responsibilities of a rural fire authority | 5 | 8 |

Elective

A minimum of 12 credits at level 6 or above is required from sets A and B, of which a minimum of 8 credits must come from set A.

Set A

A minimum of 8 credits is required from the following subfields and domains.

| Field | Subfield | Domain |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Business | Management | Any |
| 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 – Planning and Administration) (Level 6) [Ref: 0779] 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 that qualification and it was decided to develop a new qualification aimed more directly towards positions of Principal Rural Fire Officer and Incident Controller.

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

People currently working towards the replaced qualification may either complete the requirements for that qualification or transfer their results to this qualification or the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 5) [Ref: 1184]. The last date for the award of the replaced qualification 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 |
|------------|-------------|
| 3303 | 20397 |

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 |

NQT Registration Information

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

Standard Setting Body

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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