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**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES -  
STRUCTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL**  
**Describe the legislative process and the  
legislation empowering response to fire  
and emergencies**

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<b>level:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>credit:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>final date for comment:</b>	March 2008
<b>expiry date:</b>	December 2009
<b>sub-field:</b>	Fire and Rescue Services
<b>purpose:</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the process of creating legislation in the New Zealand parliamentary structure; demonstrate knowledge of the hierarchy of compliance requirements; demonstrate knowledge of individual role responsibilities identified in the Fire Service Act 1975; and identify the linkages between legislation, organisational policy, and operational procedures in fire and rescue services.
<b>entry information:</b>	Open.
<b>accreditation option:</b>	Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA and industry.
<b>moderation option:</b>	A national moderation system of moderation networks has been established by the Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation.
<b>special notes:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 Compliance with the fire and rescue service provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory.</li><li>2 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to: the Fire Service Act 1975, the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, the Buildings Act 1991, the Building Regulations 1992, the Fire Safety and Evacuation of Buildings Regulations 1992, and subsequent amendments.</li></ol>

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## **Elements and Performance Criteria**

### **element 1**

Describe the process of creating legislation in the New Zealand parliamentary structure.

#### **performance criteria**

- 1.1 The description of the process of developing legislation in the New Zealand parliamentary system covers obtaining policy approval for drafting a bill and how a bill becomes an act.

Range: drafting a bill, passing legislation, gaining royal assent.

### **element 2**

Demonstrate knowledge of the hierarchy of compliance requirements.

Range: acts, regulations, codes of practice.

#### **performance criteria**

- 2.1 The types of compliance are identified and explained in terms of relationships.
- 2.2 The types of compliance are identified and explained in terms of their functions.

### **element 3**

Demonstrate knowledge of individual role responsibilities identified in the Fire Service Act 1975.

#### **performance criteria**

- 3.1 The New Zealand Fire Service Commission is identified and explained in terms of roles.

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3.2 The New Zealand Fire Service Chief Executive Officer and National Commander are identified and explained in terms of powers and delegations.

Range: responding to fires and other emergencies, powers of entry to land and buildings, use of water supplies, powers in a declared state of civil emergency.

**element 4**

Identify the linkages between legislation, organisational policy, and operational procedures in fire and rescue services.

Range: at least two of the following: the Fire Service Act 1975, the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, the Buildings Act 1991, the Building Regulations 1992, the Fire Safety and Evacuation of Buildings Regulations 1992.

**performance criteria**

4.1 Legislation embodied in operating procedures is identified and is in accordance with the fire and rescue service provider's policies.

4.2 The linkages between organisational policy and operating procedures are identified, in accordance with legislative requirements.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

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**Please Note**

Providers must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority or a delegated inter-institutional body before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by the Qualifications Authority before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

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Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for providers wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

This unit standard is covered by AMAP 0039 which can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/site/framework/search.html>.