
**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES -
STRUCTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL**
**Apply legislation in fire and rescue
services**

level:	4
credit:	5
final date for comment:	March 2008
expiry date:	December 2009
sub-field:	Fire and Rescue Services
purpose:	People credited with this unit standard are able to: give advice to the public on their rights and responsibilities under legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice, in fire and rescue services; and demonstrate knowledge of the application of legislation relevant to fire and rescue emergency operations.
entry information:	Prerequisite: Unit 16933, <i>Describe the legislative process and the legislation empowering response to fire and emergencies</i> , or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
accreditation option:	Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA and industry.
moderation option:	A national moderation system of moderation networks has been established by the Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation.
special notes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Compliance with the fire and rescue service provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory.2 Assessment against this unit standard may take place under real or practical simulated conditions.

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- 3 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 Building Act 1991, the Building Regulations 1992, the Employment Relations Act 2000, the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, the Fire Safety and Evacuation of Buildings Regulations 1992, the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, the Conservation Act 1987, the Land Transport Act 1998 and regulations, the Coroners Act 1988, the Resource Management Act 1991, the Resource Management Act 1991, the Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989, and the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, the Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995, and subsequent amendments.
- 4 *Advice* refers to the provision of information on issues involving minor non-compliance situations.
- 5 The term *minor non-compliance* refers to situations that can be remedied by simple actions to reinstate compliance requirements.
- 6 *Fire Districts* are those areas identified in the Fire Service Act 1975 and subsequent amendments.
- 7 *Local agreements* refers to service agreements made between the fire and rescue service provider and other fire services that may include - airport rescue fire services, industrial fire services, local territorial authorities, rural fire authorities, and the New Zealand Defence Force.
- 8 *Legislation* in this unit standard is in the context of responding to fire and other emergencies, and in the provision of fire safety advice.

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- 9 *Fire and rescue service provider's requirements or Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) refer to policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by each fire and rescue service employer or host organisation.*

Elements and Performance Criteria

element 1

Give advice to the public on their rights and responsibilities under legislation, regulations, standards, and codes of practice in fire and rescue services.

Range: Fire Service Act 1975, Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, Building Act 1991, Building Regulations 1992, Fire Safety and Evacuation of Buildings Regulations 1992.

performance criteria

- 1.1 The public and management are advised on their responsibilities under the legislation in accordance with fire and rescue service provider's requirements.

Range: three of the following - managing compliance, penalties and liabilities applied through non-compliance, liability, prevention of penalties.

- 1.2 Situations of potential conflict in the provision of giving advice to the public are identified and explained in accordance with fire and rescue service provider's requirements.

Range: the addition of new costs required to meet compliance, the addition of further time constraints to meet compliance, the addition of further administration requirements to meet compliance.

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- 1.3 Options available to the public to meet minor compliance issues are identified and communicated in terms of identifying their rights and responsibilities in accordance with fire and rescue service provider's requirements.

element 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the application of legislation relevant to fire and rescue emergency operations.

performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify specific legislation that supports authority to enter property, authority to act to protect or save life.

- 2.2 Legislation supporting organisational SOPs is identified in accordance with fire and rescue service provider's requirements.

Range: three of the following - response in urban areas, response in rural areas; response outside specified Fire Districts, response to hazardous substance incidents, response to medical emergencies, response to road traffic accidents, response to diplomatic property, response consistent with local agreements.

- 2.3 The responsibilities of fire and rescue services under legislation in emergency operations are identified in accordance with the fire and rescue service provider's requirements.

Range: the Land Transport Act 1998, the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, the Coroners Act 1988, the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, the Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989, the Fire Service Act 1975.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation info@frsito.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of 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.

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>.