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**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES -  
VEGETATION**  
**Lead a vegetation fire crew**

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<b>credit:</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>expiry date:</b>	December 2009
<b>sub-field:</b>	Fire and Rescue Services
<b>purpose:</b>	<p>This unit standard is for personnel who have responsibility for leading a fire fighting crew at vegetation fires, and who are operating under the command of a fire line supervisor.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate knowledge of incident ground management for leading a crew at a vegetation fire; explain crew mobilisation procedures in the event of a vegetation fire; implement assigned work, and allocate tasks at a vegetation fire; lead, direct, and supervise crew at a vegetation fire; and complete recording and reporting procedures following a vegetation fire.</p>
<b>entry information:</b>	Recommended: Unit 14564, <i>Demonstrate knowledge of the fire environment on vegetation fire behaviour</i> , or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
<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></ol>

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- 2 Assessment against this unit standard may take place under real or practical simulated conditions.
- 3 The primary reference for this unit standard is the Fire and Rescue Service Industry Training Organisation's learning resource *Command A Vegetation Fire Crew*. This reference is available from FRSITO, PO Box 11988, Wellington.
- 4 *LACES* refers to Lookouts, Awareness or Anchor points, Communications, Escape routes, Safety zones.
- 5 *Fire line supervisor* may be a sector supervisor, divisional commander, operations manager, or incident controller depending upon the size of the fire ground organisation in place.
- 6 *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**

Demonstrate knowledge of incident ground management for leading a crew at a vegetation fire.

### **performance criteria**

- 1.1 Health and safety requirements are explained in accordance with the primary reference.

Range: personnel welfare, personnel safety, LACES.

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- 1.2 The command structure for managing vegetation fires is identified in accordance with industry guides and standards.
- 1.3 The requirements before implementing suppression action are explained in accordance with the primary reference.
- Range: situation briefing, crew requirements, communications, the Fire Authority's response requirements, situation reports.
- 1.4 The requirements for safe travel to incidents are described in accordance with the primary reference.

**element 2**

Explain crew mobilisation procedures in the event of a vegetation fire.

**performance criteria**

- 2.1 Crew mobilisation procedures are explained in accordance with the primary reference.
- 2.2 Crew mobilisation procedures are explained in accordance with SOPs.

**element 3**

Implement assigned work, and allocate tasks at a vegetation fire.

**performance criteria**

- 3.1 Hazards are identified and relevant action is taken in accordance with the fire and rescue service provider's Health and Safety in Employment policy.
- Range: fire personnel, site hazards.
- 3.2 The work situation is sized-up and tasks are allocated with best use of resources in accordance with the incident action plan.

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**element 4**

Lead, direct, and supervise crew at a vegetation fire.

**performance criteria**

4.1 Crew are supervised in accordance with the fire and rescue service provider's requirements.

Range: crew safety and welfare, communications, situation control, delegation of tasks.

4.2 Resources are deployed and recovered in accordance with fire and rescue service provider requirements.

4.3 The situation is monitored and communicated in accordance with fire and rescue service provider's requirements.

Range: fire behaviour, crew performance, fire suppression action.

**element 5**

Complete recording and reporting procedures following a vegetation fire.

**performance criteria**

5.1 Information is collected to complete reporting requirements in accordance with fire and rescue service provider requirements.

5.2 Reporting is completed in accordance with fire and rescue service provider requirements.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

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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>.