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**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES -  
VEGETATION**  
**Command vegetation fire incidents**

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<b>level:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>credit:</b>	<b>8</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 in charge of vegetation fires. It sets out the skills that are specific to the command, control and coordination of a number of vegetation fire management operations (ground and air operations, planning and logistics).</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: develop an incident action plan (IAP) for vegetation fire incidents; implement the incident action plan for vegetation fire incidents; re-evaluate IAP; and manage communications and reporting during vegetation fire incidents.</p>
<b>entry information:</b>	<p>Recommended: Unit 14564, <i>Demonstrate knowledge of the fire environment on vegetation fire behaviour.</i></p> <p>Prerequisite: Unit 4648, <i>Demonstrate knowledge of vegetation fire behaviour</i>, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.</p>
<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>	1 Compliance with the fire and rescue service provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory.

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- 2 Assessment against this unit standard may take place under real or practical simulated conditions.
- 3 The *incident management* referred to in this unit standard will be in relation to the command structure in place under the principles of Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS).
- 4 References for this unit standard are *The New Zealand Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS)*, 1998; New Zealand Fire Service Commission and National Rural Fire Authority, *Rural Fire Management Handbook*. These references are available from FRSITO, PO Box 11988, Wellington, or from the NRFA, PO Box 2133, Wellington.

## **Elements and Performance Criteria**

### **element 1**

Assume control and organise an incident management team.

### **performance criteria**

- 1.1 Receive situation briefing and assume incident controller position in accordance with the references.
- 1.2 Assess current situation and determine immediate priorities in accordance with the references.
- 1.3 Establish incident control protocols in accordance with the references.

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- 1.4 Appoint an incumbent incident management team in accordance with the references.

**element 2**

Develop an incident action plan (IAP) for vegetation fire incidents.

**performance criteria**

- 2.1 Collect and analyse data and information in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.
- Range: fire plan, planning specialist advice, reports from incident management team.
- 2.2 Development of objectives, strategy and priorities is carried out in liaison with incident management team in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.
- 2.3 Incident action plan is developed in accordance with the principles of Coordinated Incident Management System(CIMS) and the Rural Fire Authority policy.

**element 3**

Implement the incident action plan for vegetation fire incidents.

**performance criteria**

- 3.1 Incident managers are briefed with respect to the incident action plan in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.
- Range: fire suppression strategies, objectives of operation.

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- 3.2 Incident is monitored and activities are recorded in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.
- Range: fire suppression achievements, coordination of activities, fire behaviour.
- 3.3 Planning meetings are held with the IAP team in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.
- 3.4 Planning for the ongoing IAP to cover fire ground mop up and patrol until the fire is declared out is in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.
- 3.5 Operational costs are monitored and recorded against the IAP in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.

**element 4**

Re-evaluate IAP.

**performance criteria**

- 4.1 The IAP is reviewed in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.
- 4.2 The IAP is revised as decided by the incident management team in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.
- 4.3 Demobilisation is planned and incorporated in the IAP in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.

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**element 5**

Manage communications and reporting during vegetation fire incidents.

**performance criteria**

- 5.1 The communication plan is developed and maintained in accordance with the principles of CIMS.
- 5.2 Public announcements are provided in accordance with the requirements of the Rural Fire Authority.
- 5.3 Information for the incident report and incident debrief is provided to the Rural Fire Authority.

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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.

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>.