

40734**Uphold safety and security in a prison environment**

Kaupae Level	3
Whiwhinga Credit	20
Whāinga Purpose	<p>This skill standard is for a person working as a Corrections Officer in a prison environment.</p> <p>People credited with this skill standard will be able to, in a prison environment: recognise the professional standards expected of a Corrections Officer, employ safety practices and processes, and respond to an incident as the first responding officer.</p> <p>This skill standard aligns with the New Zealand Certificate in Prisoner Management (Level 3) [Ref: 2658].</p>

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Recognise the professional standards expected of a Corrections Officer in a prison environment.	a. Summarise own professional responsibilities.
2. Employ safety practices and processes in a prison environment.	a. Conduct safe practice when using personal protective equipment.
	b. Demonstrate safe lock and unlock practice.
	c. Demonstrate safe search practice.
	d. Establish and maintain effective working relationships to ensure safety and security.
3. Employ security practices and processes in a prison environment.	a. Conduct muster checks.
	b. Conduct security checks.
	c. Manage visitor safety in a prison environment.
4. Respond to an incident in a prison environment as the first responding officer.	a. Identify, assess, and manage risks.
	b. Respond to an incident in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
	c. Complete post-incident procedures.
	d. Record and report incidents using required formats and timeframes.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria*Assessment specifications:*

- Assessment against Learning Outcomes 2, 3, and 4 of this skill standard must take place in an actual prison.

Evidence provided for assessment against this skill standard must:

- be gathered in a prison environment.
- be gathered in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
- be gathered within the boundaries of the corrections officer role.

Definitions:

- *Organisational policies and procedures* refer to the formal policies and procedures for a specific prison site and its activities, and which are consistent with its lead organisation.
- *A prison environment* refers to a setting that replicates the conditions, structure, and dynamics of a correctional facility. This includes actual prisons, and any time prisoners are managed outside of the confines of a prison.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

- Professional standards.
- Safe practice when applying and using personal protective equipment.
- Health and safety precautions in all interactions with prisoners.
- Safety procedures around lock and unlock practices, searches, muster and location checks, security checks.
- Visitor safety.
- Documenting safety and security processes.
- Teamwork – working in pairs, communicating to others of own whereabouts, situational awareness.
- Management of unsafe situations including prisoner behaviour, manipulation or deception, health and safety responsibilities.
- Identification of risks and safe actions to incident response as a first responding officer.
- Post-incident procedures including staff support.
- Reporting and documenting incidents.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Rauemi | Resources

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- Young, A. (n.d.). *Prison policy, prison regime, and prisoners' rights in New Zealand*. Human Rights Commission. Available at https://hrc-nz-resources.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/files/6414/2550/8365/Young_year_-_Prison_policy_prison_regime_and_prisoners_rights_in_NZ.pdf.

Pārongo Whakaū Kounga | Quality assurance information

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