40858 Evaluate emergency response exercises within a prison environment

Kaupae | Level	5
Whiwhinga | Credit	15
Whāinga | Purpose	This skill standard is for people working as a Principal Corrections Officer (PCO) or actively working towards PCO, such as acting PCO, or equivalent, in a prison environment. People credited with this skill standard will be able to manage emergency response exercises, assess emergency response exercise outcomes and identify areas for improvement, within a prison environment. This skill standard aligns with the New Zealand Certificate in Prisoner Management (Level 5) [Ref: 3877].

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

Hua o te ako | Learning outcomes	**Paearu aromatawai |** Assessment criteria
1. Manage emergency response exercises within a prison environment.	a. Test emergency exercise responses of staff in accordance with emergency response plans.
	b. Debrief and provide feedback to staff on emergency response exercises.
	c. Report emergency response information in required timeframes.
2. Assess emergency response exercise outcomes and identify areas for improvement.	a. Analyse areas for improvement in emergency response exercises.
	b. Identify and monitor remedial actions for identified gaps in emergency response exercises.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu \| Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

- Assessment against this skill standard must include two different emergency response exercises that are both simulated and practical.
- The PCO must observe and evaluate staff responses during a practical emergency exercise.

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 Principal Corrections Officer role.

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Definitions:

- *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.
- *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.

Ngā momo whiwhinga* | *Grades available

Achieved.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

- Planning, tasking staff, and testing emergency response exercise per site schedule.
- Critiquing staff response to emergency exercise.
- Providing feedback to staff.
- Emergency response plans.
- Remedial action to improve staff capability of emergency response.
- Types of emergencies such as fire, earthquake (natural disaster), bomb threats, life threatening situations (prisoner/staff/visitors), escapes.

Rauemi | Resources

Legislation relevant to this skill standard includes but is not limited to:

- Department of Corrections. (n.d.). *Policy and legislation*. New Zealand Department of Corrections. Available at https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/policy_and_legislation.
- Department of Corrections. (n.d.). *Prison Operations Manual*. New Zealand Department of Corrections. Available at https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/policy_and_legislation/Prison-Operations-Manual.
- New Zealand Legislation. (2004). *Corrections Act 2004* (No. 50). New Zealand Government. Available at https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2004/0050/latest/DLM294849.html.
- New Zealand Legislation. (2005). *Corrections (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Regulations 2005* (SR 2005/53). New Zealand Government. Available at https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2005/0053/latest/DLM315417.html.
- New Zealand Legislation. (2015). *Health and Safety at Work Act 2015* (No. 70). New Zealand Government. Available at https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2015/0070/latest/DLM5976660.html.
- 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.

And any subsequent amendments or replacements.

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