

40934**Drive a vehicle airside on the apron at an airport**

Kaupae Level	3
Whiwhinga Credit	5
Whāinga Purpose	<p>People credited with this skill standard are able to safely drive a vehicle airside on the apron at an airport.</p> <p>This skill standard is intended for airport employees or contractors only, as airside assessment opportunities are restricted to those persons holding an Airport Identity Card issued by the New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority under the sponsorship of an airport employer, or New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) equivalent.</p>
Whakaakoranga me mātua oti Pre-requisites	People seeking credit for this skill standard must hold a current Airside Driving Permit, or as stipulated by the aerodrome certificate holder.

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

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Prepare to drive a vehicle airside on the apron at an airport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify operating area prior to driving a vehicle airside. b. Check vehicle for airside serviceability. c. Wear any required high-visibility clothing and suitable ear protection. d. Display a valid airport identity card.

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
2. Drive a vehicle airside on the apron at an airport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Comply with any lawful instructions and directives. b. Adhere to rules for right of way on an apron in accordance with airside driving rules. c. Drive the vehicle within the speed limitations in accordance with the airside driving rules. d. Drive the vehicle using the designated road system and indicated entry and/or exit points to such roads and service areas. e. Confirm all entrances giving access to airside areas are closed or barricaded immediately after passage. f. Observe wing tip clearance lines and keep clear. g. Maintain the minimum distance in front or behind when aircraft anti-collision beacons are operating.

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

Assessment specifications:

Assessments must be conducted in an active airport environment to ensure practical application to reflect the standards of an aviation workplace.

Evidence presented for assessment against this skill standard must be in accordance with enterprise procedures.

Definitions:

Aerodrome means any defined area of land or water intended or designed to be used either wholly or partly for the landing, departure, and surface movement of aircraft; and includes any building, installations, and equipment on or adjacent to any such area used in connection with the aerodrome or its administration.

The term *airport* refers to aerodrome as per Civil Aviation Rules.

Airside refers to the movement area of an airport, adjacent terrain and buildings, or portions thereof, where access is controlled.

Apron means a defined area on a land aerodrome intended to accommodate aircraft for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or cargo, refuelling, parking, or maintenance.

Reference to *enterprise procedures* means that all activities must comply with the requirements contained in the current airport exposition, current airport company manuals and procedures, and any relevant legislative and/or regulatory requirements, which may include but are not limited to: Civil Aviation Act 2023, relevant Civil Aviation Rules, New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Policy.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

Airside driving terminology

- Definitions and correct usage of key terms.
- Understanding Civil Aviation Rule Part 139 terminology.
- Visual identification of airside zones and signage.

Preparation for airside driving

- Identifying the operating area using airport maps and signage.
- Overview of enterprise procedures and airport exposition.
- Legal responsibilities and penalties: substance abuse (drugs, alcohol), speed limits, pedestrian safety.
- Pre-operation vehicle checks: lights, beacons, brakes, leaks, damage.
- Safe loading practices and hazard identification.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE): high-visibility clothing, ear protection.
- Display and use of airport identity card.

Driving safely on the apron

- Compliance with lawful instructions from personnel, such as airport officials, police, aviation security, Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) Security Forces, air traffic services, customs.
- Right of way rules: aircraft, emergency vehicles, emergency equipment, pedestrians, ground service equipment.
- Speed limits and designated road systems.
- Entry and exit procedures, and gate security.
- Wingtip clearance and aircraft anti-collision beacon protocols.
- Prohibited actions (e.g. driving under aircraft).
- Foreign Object Debris (FOD) awareness and reporting.
- Vehicle attendance and designated parking protocols.

Responding to accidents and incidents

- Driver responsibilities in the event of collisions, near-misses, property damage, personal injury.
- Reporting procedures under Civil Aviation Rule Part 12.
- Communication protocols and documentation.
- Cooperation with emergency services and airport authorities.

Rauemi | Resources[Civil Aviation Rule Part 12 Accidents, Incidents, and Statistics](#)[Civil Aviation Rule Part 139 Aerodromes – Certification, Operation and Use](#)

Enterprise procedures.

Pārongo Whakaū Kounga | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Ringa Hora Services Workforce Development Council
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Please contact Ringa Hora Services Workforce Development Council qualifications@ringahora.nz to suggest changes to the content of this skill standard.