

40939**Search and guard aircraft**

Kaupae Level	4
Whiwhinga Credit	10
Whāinga Purpose	<p>People credited with this skill standard are able to conduct aircraft searches and carry out static aircraft guard in support of aviation security and safety, contributing to airport security and operational effectiveness.</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>

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

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Carry out an aircraft search.	a. Prepare to search aircraft.
	b. Conduct physical search of aircraft.
	c. Respond to the detection of any relevant item or substance.
2. Maintain a static guard on an aircraft.	a. Carry out static guard of aircraft to ensure safety and security of the aircraft.

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

If required, to gain access to all the areas to be inspected, all entrance doors, hatches, inlet and exhaust ducts, service and access doors, etc. should be opened by Aircraft Engineers or competent airline staff as applicable. Care should be taken to ensure that all doors and covers which were opened for inspection purposes are securely closed on completion of the inspection by Aircraft Engineers or competent airline staff as applicable.

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:

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, where applicable, and any relevant legislative and/or regulatory requirements, which may include but are not limited to: Civil Aviation Act 2023, relevant Civil Aviation Rules, Aviation Crimes Act 1972, Aviation Security Service Policies and Procedures, New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Policy.

Dangerous goods refer to substances and articles identified as such in ICAO Document 9284 - *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air*.

Relevant item or substance refers to dangerous goods, weapons, explosives, and firearms as identified in Civil Aviation Act 2023 and the Aviation Crimes Act 1972.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

Aircraft search

- Purpose.
- Categories of aircraft search.
- Relevant item or substance.
- Health and safety/personal protective equipment.
- Search techniques and locations.
- Processes on identification of items.

Aircraft guard

- Purpose.
- Legal requirements and responsibilities.
- Health and safety/personal protective equipment.
- Potential security breaches or threats.
- Station specific requirements.
- Radio/communication procedures.

Rauemi | Resources

[CAA Advisory Circular AC140-1 Aviation Security Service Organisations – Certification](#)

Enterprise procedures.

ICAO document 9284 - Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air

Pārongo Whakaū Kouna | 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.