40943   Maintain security vigilance and awareness at an airport

Kaupae | Level	4
Whiwhinga | Credit	10
Whāinga | Purpose	People credited with this skill standard are able to maintain security vigilance and awareness at an airport in support of aviation security and safety, contributing to airport security and operational effectiveness. 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.

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

Hua o te ako | Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai | Assessment criteria
1. Maintain security vigilance and awareness at an airport.	a. Maintain awareness of security measures and security risk at an airport by applying security measures and reviewing information on potential security risks.
	b. Maintain security vigilance at an airport by monitoring potential security risks.
	c. Recognise and assess potential security risks at an airport.
	d. Respond to potential security risks at an airport.
	e. Report potential security risks at an airport.

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.

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.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | *Grades available*

Achieved

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

Maintaining awareness of security measures and security risk

- Overview of aviation security roles (e.g. security officers, ground staff, airline personnel).

- Introduction to enterprise procedures and airport security documentation.

- Key aviation security legislation and rules (e.g. Civil Aviation Act 2023, Aviation Crimes Act 1972).

- Types of security measures (e.g. access control, surveillance, screening).

- Sources of security risk information (e.g. threat assessments, incident reports).

Maintaining security vigilance

- Techniques for maintaining situational awareness.

- Identifying suspicious behaviour or items.

- Communication protocols for reporting concerns.

- Team-based vigilance strategies (e.g. buddy systems, shift handovers).

- Use of observation and reporting tools (e.g. CCTV, radios).

Recognising and assessing potential security risks

- Common security threats in aviation (e.g. unauthorised access, unattended baggage).

- Environmental and human factors affecting security.

- Risk assessment principles (likelihood, impact, mitigation).

- Decision-making under pressure.

Responding to potential security risks

- Emergency response protocols and escalation procedures.

- Roles and responsibilities during a security incident.

- Responding to insecure access points or breaches.

- Following instructions from security supervisors.

- De-escalation techniques and personal safety.

Reporting potential security risks

- Reporting channels and formats (verbal, written, digital).

- Completing incident and risk report forms.

- Importance of timely and accurate reporting.

- Confidentiality and data protection.

- Review and follow-up measures.

Rauemi | Resources

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

Enterprise procedures.

Pārongo Whakaū Kounga | Quality assurance information

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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.