

40947**Search people to enter a sterile area, a security area, or a security enhanced area**

Kaupae Level	4
Whiwhinga Credit	10
Whāinga Purpose	People credited with this skill standard are able to search people to enter a sterile area, a security area, or a security enhanced area in support of aviation security and safety, contributing to airport security and operational effectiveness.

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

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Search people to enter a sterile area, a security area, or a security enhanced area.	a. Prepare for searching of people.
	b. Search people to ensure no relevant item or substance is detected.
	c. Respond to detection of any relevant item or substance.
2. Carry out a physical search of a person.	a. Prepare for a physical search.
	b. Conduct a physical search of a person, applying appropriate physical search methods.
	c. Respond to detection of any relevant item or substance during the physical search.

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

A physical search is only conducted on persons of the same sex unless the circumstances and legislation permit otherwise.

Assessments must be conducted in an active or simulated 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:

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*.

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.

The term *physical search* refers to a pat down search conducted to ensure a person is not carrying a relevant item or substance into a sterile, security area, or security enhanced area.

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.

Security area refers to a landside security area or an airside security area.

Security enhanced area refers to an area that the Director of Civil Aviation has declared to be a security enhanced area under Civil Aviation Act 2023.

Sterile area refers to the area at an aerodrome, between the passenger inspection and screening station and the aircraft, into which access is strictly controlled.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

Preparing for searching of people

- Legislative requirements.
- Relevant policies and procedures.
- Testing of screening point equipment (e.g. walk through metal detector, hand-held metal detector, body scanner).
- Identifying and controlling safety risks.

Searching people

- Purpose of searching.
- Appropriate screening point equipment (e.g. walk through metal detector, hand-held metal detector, body scanner).
- Applying occupational health and safety procedures.
- Maintaining customer service standards during searching.
- Procedures for infants and children.
- Procedures for disabled people.
- Handling non-consenting individuals.

Responding to relevant items and substances

- Identifying relevant items such as weapons, explosives, or firearms.
- Procedures for responding to the detection of relevant items.
- Ensuring compliance with enterprise procedures.

Physical search

- Purpose.
- Legal requirements and responsibilities.
- Relevant items and substances.
- When a person may be searched.
- Gaining consent.
- Gender requirements for pat down search.
- Procedures for infants and children.
- Procedures for disabled people.
- Situational awareness.
- Pat down technique.

Rauemi | Resources

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

Enterprise procedures.

Pārongo Whakaū Kouna | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Ringa Hora Services Workforce Development Council
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