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Identify and respond to hostile reconnaissance behaviours in an airport environment

Kaupae Level	5
Whiwhinga Credit	25
Whāinga Purpose	<p>People credited with this skill standard are able to identify and respond to hostile reconnaissance behaviours through the application of threat assessment and de-escalation techniques, 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. Identify hostile reconnaissance in an airport environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Apply situational awareness techniques using the three core components of perception; comprehension; and projection. b. Identify behaviour indicators related to hostile reconnaissance detection. c. Assess and report on tactics used by adversaries when gathering information for planning future attacks or hostile acts.
2. Respond to hostile reconnaissance through the application of threat assessment and de-escalation techniques using threat assessment rationale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Utilise techniques to recognise and manage implicit bias during behaviour assessment. b. Apply threat assessment frameworks to determine responses to incidents. c. Execute situation-appropriate de-escalation techniques specified within organisation approved techniques.
3. Report incidents using threat assessment rationale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Document and report incidents using threat assessment framework.

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. Assessments may be undertaken during real or simulated events.

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.

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.

Reconnaissance behaviours refer to the purposeful observation and information-gathering conducted by individuals or groups with malicious intent to inform the planning of a hostile act against a specific target.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

Situational Awareness

- Core components: perception; comprehension; and projection.
- Strategies to enhance awareness in operational environments.

Legal and regulatory framework

- Civil Aviation Act 2023.
- NZ Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- Relevant Civil Aviation Rules.
- Aviation Crimes Act 1972.
- Aviation Security Service Policies and Procedures.
- Understanding airport exposition and company manuals.
- Compliance with enterprise procedures.
- Reporting requirements and documentation.

Hostile Reconnaissance Detection (HRD)

- Concept of hostile reconnaissance.
- Recognising behaviour indicators related to HRD.
- Applying HRD methodology.
- Creating HRD Plans.
- Responding to suspected HRD.

Implicit bias awareness

- Recognising and managing personal biases to:
 - ensure assessments are based on observable actions.
 - minimise judgement errors.
 - support unbiased decision making.

Threat assessment techniques

- Identifying potentially high-risk individuals.
- Selecting and applying appropriate threat assessment models when responding to events.
- Continually applying threat assessment model as event unfolds.
- Response appropriate to situation and in accordance with NZ Bill of Rights Act.

De-escalation techniques

- Applying situation appropriate de-escalation techniques from various models.

Incident documentation

- Reporting incidents using framework of the threat assessment technique utilised during the incident.
- Completing notebook entries and formal reports according to organisation requirements.

Rauemi | Resources

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

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.