

## Field Community and Social Services

### Review of *Community and Workplace Fire and Emergency Management* and *Fire and Rescue Services* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Community and Workplace Fire and Emergency Management	Workplace Fire and Emergency Response	3271, 4647
Fire and Rescue Services	Fire and Rescue Services - Generic Fire Fighting	3267, 3270, 3272, 20385, 20387, 20388, 26994
	Fire and Rescue Services - Structural and Industrial	3283, 3312, 20393
	Fire and Rescue Services - Vegetation	3285-3288, 3291-3293, 14563-14565

The Skills Organisation has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

**Date new versions published**

**September 2021**

**Planned review date**

**December 2026**

#### Summary

This is the first of three parts of unit standards reviewed in the *Community and Workplace Fire and Emergency Management* and *Fire and Rescue Services* subfields.

Between June 2020 and April 2021, The Skills Organisation together with Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) convened a series of working groups consisting of subject matter experts and organisations with consent to assess to review the unit standards that underpin the training provided to fire and emergency agency personnel. One result of that review was that the unit standards referenced in this change report, grouped as Part 1, remain relevant but require some changes to better reflect competency expectations in the sector.

#### Main changes

- Unit standards were moved to the current template.
- Standard setting body was amended from Fire and Rescue Services ITO to The Skills Organisation.
- Changes were made to reflect current terminology used in the sector.
- Guidance information, outcomes, performance criteria, and range statements were updated to reflect current legislation and practices in the sector.
- Unit standard titles were changed to provide more clarity and alignment.
- Level for unit standard 3293 was increased due to the complexity and taking a lead role.
- Credit for unit standard 3283 was decreased to provide a true reflection on training.

**The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2023**

## Impact on existing organisations with consent to assess

Current consent for			Consent extended to		
Nature of consent	Classification or ID	Level	Nature of consent	Classification or ID	Level
Domain	Fire and Rescue Services - Vegetation	4	Standard	3293	5

## Detailed list of unit standards – classification, title, level, and credits

All changes are in **bold**.

Key to review category	
<b>A</b>	Dates changed, but no other changes are made - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and a new version number
<b>B</b>	Changes made, but the overall outcome remains the same - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and a new version number
<b>C</b>	Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement standard with a new ID
<b>D</b>	Standard will expire and not be replaced

Community and Social Services > Community and Workplace Fire and Emergency Management > Workplace Fire and Emergency Response

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
3271	Suppress fire with hand extinguishers and fixed hose reels <b>Suppress fire using hand extinguishers and fixed hose reels</b>	2	1	B
4647	Explain principles of fire science <b>Demonstrate knowledge of the basic principles of fire science</b>	2	1	B

Community and Social Services > Fire and Rescue Services > Fire and Rescue Services - Generic Fire Fighting

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
3267	Drive fire and rescue vehicles in emergency situations <b>Drive fire and emergency vehicles in emergency situations</b>	4	8	B
3270	Establish and deliver water supplies for fire fighting <b>Establish and deliver water supplies for fire and emergency operations</b>	2	3	B
3272	Wear and operate breathing apparatus in general emergencies	3	3	B
20385	Demonstrate hydraulic knowledge for fire fighting <b>Demonstrate hydraulic knowledge for firefighting</b>	3	4	B
20387	Operate self-propelled pumps for fire fighting <b>Operate self-propelled pumps, at a pump site, for fire and emergency operations</b>	4	5	B
20388	Work safely with aircraft at emergency incidents <b>Work safely with the aircraft during an emergency incident</b>	3	2	B
26994	Use general purpose knots and lines in emergency situations <b>Use general purpose knots and lines in an emergency situation</b>	2	2	B

Community and Social Services > Fire and Rescue Services > Fire and Rescue Services - Structural and Industrial

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
3283	Demonstrate knowledge of personal safety at fire and emergency incidents <b>Demonstrate knowledge of personal safety at fire and other emergency incidents</b>	2	4 3	B
3312	Carry out decontamination procedures <b>Carry out decontamination procedures in emergency situations</b>	3	3	B
20393	Enter and suppress fire in a fire-affected building	3	6	B

Community and Social Services> Fire and Rescue Services > Fire and Rescue Services - Vegetation

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
3285	Demonstrate knowledge of protection of personal safety at vegetation fires <b>Demonstrate knowledge of working safely at vegetation fires</b>	3	3	B
3286	Control vegetation fires using dry firefighting techniques <b>Demonstrate knowledge of the use of hand tools and construct a fire line to control vegetation fires</b>	3	3	B
3287	Suppress vegetation fires with water and with water with additives <b>Use firefighting deliveries to suppress vegetation fires</b>	3	3	B
3288	Load water and additives for aerial operations at vegetation fires <b>Load fire suppressants for aerial operations at vegetation fires</b>	3	2	B
3291	Lead a vegetation fire crew	4	4	B
3292	Lead heavy machinery operations for use at vegetation fires <b>Supervise heavy machinery operations for use at vegetation fires</b>	4	3	B
3293	Lead ground support for air operations at vegetation fires	4 5	4	B
14563	Supervise aerial fire suppression operations at vegetation fires	5	5	B
14564	Demonstrate knowledge of the fire environment on vegetation fire behaviour	4	3	B
14565	Use maps to locate and plan a navigation route to a vegetation fire <b>Use navigation tools for an incident</b>	3	3	B