

Title	Describe the legislative process and the legislation empowering response to fire and emergencies		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the process of creating legislation in the New Zealand parliamentary structure; demonstrate knowledge of the hierarchy of compliance requirements; demonstrate knowledge of individual role responsibilities identified in the Fire Service Act 1975; and identify the links between legislation, organisational policy, and operational instructions in fire and rescue services.
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Classification	Fire and Rescue Services > Fire and Rescue Services - Structural and Industrial
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Compliance with the fire and rescue service provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory.
- 2 Legislation and regulations relevant to this unit standard include the Fire Service Act 1975, Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, Building Act 2004, Building Regulations 1992 (regulation 3), and Fire Safety and Evacuation of Buildings Regulations 2006.
- 3 Definition
Fire and rescue service provider's requirements refer to policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by each fire and rescue service employer or host organisation.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the process of creating legislation in the New Zealand parliamentary structure.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The process of creating legislation in the New Zealand parliamentary system is described in terms of obtaining policy approval, drafting a bill, passing legislation and gaining royal assent.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the hierarchy of compliance requirements.

Range acts, regulations, codes of practice.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 The types of compliance are identified and explained in terms of relationships and functions.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of individual role responsibilities identified in the Fire Service Act 1975.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The New Zealand Fire Service Commission is identified and explained in terms of roles.
- 3.2 The positions of New Zealand Fire Service Chief Executive Officer and National Commander are identified and explained in terms of powers and delegations.

Range responding to fires and other emergencies, powers of entry to land and buildings, use of water supplies, powers in a declared state of civil emergency.

Outcome 4

Identify the links between legislation, organisational policy, and operational instructions in fire and rescue services.

Range a minimum of two of the following – the Fire Service Act 1975, the Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, the Buildings Act 2004, the Building Regulations 1992 (regulation 3), the Fire Safety and Evacuation of Buildings Regulations 2006.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Legislation embodied in operational instructions is identified.
- 4.2 The links between organisational policy and operational instructions are identified.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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