

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of the legislated responsibilities of a Principal Rural Fire Officer		
Level	5	Credits	8

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of: legislation and organisational policies relevant to a Rural Fire Authority (RFA); documentation requirements of an RFA; and Fire Plans.
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Classification	Fire and Rescue Services > Fire and Rescue Services - Vegetation
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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 relevant to this unit standard includes the Fire Service Act 1975, Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977, and Forest and Rural Fires Regulations 2005.
- 3 The primary reference for this unit standard is *The New Zealand Co-ordinated Incident Management System (CIMS): Teamwork in Emergency Management*, New Zealand Fire Service Commission (Wellington: New Zealand Fire Service Commission, 1998). This reference is available from FRSITO, PO Box 11988, Wellington 6142.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of legislation and organisational policies relevant to a Rural Fire Authority (RFA).

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Responsibilities and functions of the National Rural Fire Authority (NRFA) are explained in accordance with the requirements of the relevant legislation.
- 1.2 Responsibilities of an RFA are explained with reference to relevant legislation.
- 1.3 The legal authority of Principal Rural Fire Officers (PRFO) is explained with reference to relevant legislation.

- 1.4 The delegated authorities of the Rural Fire Officer (RFO) are explained in accordance with the RFA's policy.
- 1.5 Appointment criteria for warranted RFOs are explained in accordance with the requirements of the relevant legislation.
- 1.6 The fire command structure and position responsibilities at rural fires are explained in accordance with the primary reference.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of documentation requirements of an RFA.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Recording and reporting provisions are explained in accordance with legislative requirements.
- 2.2 Documentation for the publication of gazetted changes in Rural Fire District boundaries is explained in accordance with legislative requirements.
- 2.3 Personnel registers, resource provision and resource maintenance requirements are explained in accordance with relevant legislation.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of Fire Plans.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Requirements to develop and implement Fire Plans are explained in accordance with relevant legislation.
- 3.2 The content of a Fire Plan is explained in terms of the Forest and Rural Fires Regulations 2005 and RFA policies.
- 3.3 Resource coordination required to achieve a Fire Plan is explained in accordance with the requirements of the Forest and Rural Fires Regulations 2005 and the RFA policies.
- 3.4 Regional coordination to meet legislative requirements is explained in accordance with the relevant legislation.

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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Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
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