

<b>Title</b>	<b>Commission special hazards fixed fire protection systems</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for personnel employed in the fire protection industry and covers the commissioning of special hazards fixed fire protection systems.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare for commissioning special hazards fixed fire protection systems; commission special hazards fixed fire protection systems; complete commission special hazards fixed fire protection systems documentation and inform relevant stakeholders.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Mechanical Engineering > Fixed Fire Protection Systems
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- Legislation, regulations and/or industry standards relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to the:

Building Act 2004,  
 Building (Forms) Regulations 2004,  
 Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) *Acceptable Solutions (AS) and Verification Methods (VM)*,  
 MBIE New Zealand Building Code Handbook,  
 AS 1851:2012, *Routine service of fire protection systems and equipment*,  
 AS 4214:2018, *Gaseous fire extinguishing systems*,  
 AS 4587:2020, *Water mist fire protection systems - System design, installation, and commissioning*,  
 National Fire Protection Association, NFPA 15:2022, *Water spray fixed systems for fire protection*,  
 NFPA 16:2019, *Installation of foam-water sprinkler and foam-water spray systems*,  
 NFPA 17:2024, *Dry chemical extinguishing systems*,  
 NFPA 17A:2021, *Wet chemical extinguishing systems*,  
 NFPA 750:2023, *Water mist fire protection systems*,  
 NFPA 2001:2022, *Clean agent fire extinguishing system*.

Any new, amended or replacement Acts, regulations, standards, codes of practice, guidelines, or authority requirements or conditions affecting this unit standard will take precedence for assessment purposes, pending review of this unit standard.
- Definitions**

*Commissioning* is the process by which the newly installed components and systems are tested to verify if it functions according to its design objectives and/or specifications and brought into operation.

*Fixed fire protection system* refers to engineered sets of components that work together to detect fires, alert occupants, and extinguish fires, and may include fixed or automatic systems, such as those described by the standards listed in the references, used for controlling or putting out fires.

*Plan* in this unit standard means the procedures developed to enable the work to be carried out in a logical and safe manner.

*Special hazards fixed fire protection system* refers to systems designed and installed to AS 4214:2018, AS 4587:2020, NFPA 15:2022, NFPA 16:2019, NFPA 17:2024, NFPA 17A:2021, NFPA 750:2023, or NFPA 2001:2022 standards. They may include but are not limited to: carbon, inert gas; dry chemical; wet chemical; foam, foam-water, water mist; and explosion suppression types of systems.

*Standards* refer to AS 4214:2018, AS 4587:2020, NFPA 15:2022, NFPA 16:2019, NFPA 17:2024, NFPA 17A:2021, NFPA 750:2023, or NFPA 2001:2022 standards.

*Systems documentation* refers to the documentation required to be maintained by the relevant special hazards fixed fire protection system standards, including logbook, test reports, equipment details and drawings, specifications, contract agreement, additions and alterations, fire reports, building consents standards, codes of practice, installation instructions, test and commissioning procedures, test and maintenance records.

*Workplace procedures* refer to the documented procedures used by the organisation carrying out the work and applicable to the tasks being carried out. They may include but are not limited to – standard operating procedures, site safety procedures, equipment operating procedures, codes of practice, quality assurance procedures, housekeeping standards, charging of time and materials, management of drawings and documentation, procedures to comply with legislative and local body requirements.

### 3 Assessment information

- a All activities must comply with relevant legislative and/or regulatory requirements and recognised codes of practice.
- b All activities must demonstrate safe working practices.
- c All activities must be completed and reported within agreed timeframes.
- d All activities must be done in accordance with applicable systems documentation and workplace procedures.

### 4 Range

For assessment purposes, competence must be demonstrated on at least three systems.

### 5 Recommended skills and knowledge:

Unit 17732, *Demonstrate knowledge of special hazards and non-standard fixed fire protection systems*, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Prepare for commissioning special hazards fixed fire protection systems.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Commissioning test requirements are identified.
- 1.2 Safety requirements for the special hazards fixed fire systems are identified and related to the systems documentation.
- 1.3 Installation records are analysed to establish conformance of systems with systems documentation.
- 1.4 Plans for commissioning are prepared and distributed.

**Outcome 2**

Commission special hazards fixed fire protection systems.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Systems are verified as conforming to the systems documentation and workplace procedures.
- 2.2 Functional tests are completed.
- 2.3 Systems are verified as being in normal operating condition.
- 2.4 Safety requirements are complied with during commissioning.
- 2.5 Premises are cleared of all surplus introduced materials and equipment and left in a clean and tidy condition.

**Outcome 3**

Complete commission special hazards fixed fire protection systems documentation and inform relevant stakeholders.

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 Commissioning records are completed and assembled.
- 3.2 Stakeholders are informed of the systems status, location, operational procedures, and maintenance requirements.
- 3.3 Commissioning records are distributed to relevant stakeholders.

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<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard replaced unit standard 9370 and unit standard 9371.
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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0013
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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**Comments on this unit standard**

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