

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of passive fire protection		
Level	3	Credits	10

Purpose	<p>This unit standard covers the underpinning knowledge for people who need to inspect passive fire protection (PFP) systems in buildings.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of the compliance schedule regime; explain fire compartmentation and escape routes; demonstrate knowledge of PFP features; and demonstrate knowledge of inspection and maintenance requirements for PFP products.</p>
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Classification	Mechanical Engineering > Passive Fire Protection
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 Legislation and References

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

[New Zealand Building Code](#),
[Building \(Forms\) Regulations 2004](#),
[Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#),
[Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment \(MBIE\) New Zealand Building Code Handbook](#),
[Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment \(MBIE\). Compliance Schedule Handbook](#).

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.

2 Definition

Fire Resistance Rating (FRR) – refers to the duration of time that a passive fire protection system can withstand a standard fire resistance test. It is a measure of the ability of a building component or assembly to resist the spread of fire and maintain its structural integrity for a specified period.

Passive fire protection (PFP) refers to components or systems of a building or structure that slows or impedes the spread of the effects of fire or smoke without system activation, and usually without movement. Examples of passive systems include floor-ceilings and roofs, fire doors, windows, and wall assemblies, fire-resistant coatings, and other fire and smoke control assemblies. Passive fire protection systems can include active components such as fire dampers.

Specified systems refer to the specific components or systems mentioned in the building code of compliance that have been explicitly defined, identified, or chosen for a particular purpose or application. In PFP for example they are means of escape from fire, safety barriers, access and facilities for use by persons with disabilities, handheld hose reels for fire-fighting, etc.

3 Assessment

Use of training manuals, reference texts and literature, manufacturers' data, and codes of practice and regulations listed in the references is encouraged during assessment.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of the compliance schedule regime.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The purpose, content, and responsibility for issue of a building compliance schedule are explained in accordance with the Compliance Schedule Handbook.
- 1.2 The purpose, content, and responsibility for issue of a Building Warrant of Fitness are outlined in accordance with the Compliance Schedule Handbook.
- 1.3 The purpose, content, and responsibility for issue of a Certificate of Compliance with inspection, maintenance, and reporting procedures (Form 12A) are outlined in accordance with the Compliance Schedule Handbook.
- 1.4 The purpose, content, and responsibility for issue of compliance schedule reports are outlined in accordance with the Compliance Schedule Handbook.
- 1.5 The term specified system is explained in accordance with the Compliance Schedule Handbook.
- 1.6 The concepts of inspection and maintenance in the context of a compliance schedule are outlined in accordance with the Compliance Schedule Handbook.
- 1.7 The role of an Independent Qualified Person (IQP) is described in accordance with the Building Act.

Outcome 2

Explain fire compartmentation and escape routes.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 The meaning of Fire Resistance Rating (FRR) is explained in relation to fire cells in accordance with the Compliance Document for the New Zealand Building Code.

- 2.2 The concept of fire cells is explained with reference to the FRR of its components, and in accordance with the Compliance Document for the New Zealand Building Code.
- 2.3 The concept of escape routes is explained with reference to open paths, protected paths, safe path, and final exit.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of PFP features.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The requirements of fire separations are identified and described in accordance with the Compliance Document for the New Zealand Building Code.
- Range fire doors, walls, floors, floor coverings, roofs, ceilings, surface finishes, penetrations, labels, concealed spaces.
- 3.2 The requirements of smoke separations are identified and described in accordance with the Compliance Document for the New Zealand Building Code.
- Range smoke stop doors, smoke resistant lift lobby, walls, penetrations, ceiling spaces, windows.
- 3.3 The requirements of escape routes and final exits are identified and described in accordance with the Compliance Document for the New Zealand Building Code.
- Range doors, gates, walls, windows, illuminated exit signs, lighting.
- 3.4 The requirements of signs are identified and described in accordance with the Compliance Document for the New Zealand Building Code.
- Range escape routes, fire doors, smoke control doors, lifts, illumination.

Outcome 4

Demonstrate knowledge of inspection and maintenance requirements for PFP products.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 The inspection and maintenance requirements of PFP are explained and applied to practical situations.
- Range Specified Systems SS 15, items 15/2, 15/3, 15/4, and 15/5 as detailed in the Compliance Schedule Handbook.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 17709 and unit standard 17710.
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Hanga-Aro-Rau Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council qualifications@hangaarorau.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.