

Title	Operate as an aviation working dog handler at an airport		
Level	4	Credits	30

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: apply aviation working dog health and safety precautions for employment at an airport; maintain kennel hygiene, canine husbandry, and aviation working dog administration; apply the principles of dog training to dog handling; and patrol with an aviation working dog at an airport.
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Classification	Aviation > Airport Operations
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Definitions

Aviation working dog is a generic term to describe a working dog within an aviation environment. Examples could include but are not limited to a military working dog, or an explosive detector dog.

PTA refers to practical training assistant.

The term *airport* refers to aerodrome as per Civil Aviation Rules.
- 2 Reference to enterprise procedures means that all activities must comply with the requirements contained in the current airport exposition, current airport company manuals and procedures, where applicable, and any relevant legislative and/or regulatory requirements, which may include but are not limited to: Civil Aviation Act 1990, relevant Civil Aviation Rules, Aviation Crimes Act 1972, Aviation Security Services Policies and Procedures, New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Policy.
- 3 Patrols may be carried out armed or unarmed.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Apply aviation working dog health and safety precautions for employment at an airport.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 General health and safety is demonstrated in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- Range may include but is not limited to – dog injuring self, dog injuring others; removing dog from kennels, tethering, kennels, loose dogs, training, veterinary.
- 1.2 Health and safety with aviation working dogs in transit is detailed in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- Range in transit may include but is not limited to – vehicles, aircraft, ships, transit kennels.
- 1.3 Veterinary first aid is applied in accordance with enterprise procedures.

Outcome 2

Maintain kennel hygiene, canine husbandry, and aviation working dog administration.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Kennel hygiene and kennel routine are demonstrated in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- 2.2 Aviation working dog feeding is demonstrated in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- 2.3 Canine husbandry is demonstrated in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- Range canine husbandry may include but is not limited to – exercise, grooming routine, bathing routine, fitting and use of issued equipment.
- 2.4 Aviation working dog administration is demonstrated in accordance with enterprise procedures.

Outcome 3

Apply the principles of dog training to dog handling.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The principles of dog training are demonstrated in accordance with enterprise procedures.
- Range may include but is not limited to – introduction, exercises, consistency, repetition, association and anticipation, verbal and visual clues, reinforcement, corrections, markers; bite training, bite work equipment, bite work safety precautions, PTA techniques; track; scent.

3.2 Obedience and agility training is demonstrated in accordance with enterprise procedures.

Outcome 4

Patrol with an aviation working dog at an airport.

Performance criteria

4.1 Aviation working dog patrols are carried out in accordance with enterprise procedures.

Range patrol techniques may include but is not limited to – use of force principles, actions on explosive trace detection, actions on intruders, windscenting, basic tracking, cease attack procedures, location work and building search.

Replacement information	This unit standard was replaced by skill standards 40941 and 40942.
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