Title	Command vegetation fire incidents		
Level	6	Credits	8

Purpose	This unit standard is for personnel in charge of vegetation fires. It sets out the skills that are specific to the command, control and coordination of a number of vegetation fire management operations (ground and air operations, planning and logistics). People credited with this unit standard are able to: - assume control and organise an incident management team; - develop an incident action plan (IAP) for vegetation fire incidents; - implement the IAP for vegetation fire incidents; - re-evaluate the IAP; and - manage communications and reporting during vegetation fire incidents.

Classification	Fire and Rescue Services > Fire and Rescue Services - Vegetation

Available grade	Achieved

Prerequisites	Unit 4648, *Demonstrate knowledge of vegetation fire behaviour*, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.

Guidance Information

1   Recommended: Unit 14564, *Demonstrate knowledge of the fire environment on vegetation fire behaviour*.

2   Compliance with the fire and emergency agency's workplace or host Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory.

3   Assessment against this unit standard must take place under real or simulated conditions.

4   The *incident management* referred to in this unit standard will be in relation to the command structure in place under the principles of Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) which can be found at: https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/resources/coordinated-incident-management-system-cims-third-edition/.

5 Definitions
Fire and emergency agency's requirements refer to policies, procedures and supporting documentation on safety and operations set down by each fire and emergency agency employer or host organisation.
Incident Action Plan (IAP) is a statement of the objectives, strategies, and critical functions to be taken at the incident.

6 Assessment against all outcomes must be in accordance with the fire and emergency agency's requirements.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Assume control and organise an incident management team.

Performance criteria

1.1 Situation briefing and assumed incident controller position is received.

1.2 Current situation and determined immediate priorities are assessed.

1.3 Incident control protocols are established.

1.4 An incumbent incident management team is appointed.

Outcome 2

Develop an IAP for vegetation fire incidents.

Performance criteria

2.1 Data and information are collected and analysed.

Range fire plan, planning specialist advice, reports from incident management team.

2.2 Development of objectives, strategy and priorities is carried out in liaison with incident management team.

2.3 IAP is developed in accordance with the principles of CIMS.

Outcome 3

Implement the IAP for vegetation fire incidents.

Performance criteria

3.1 Incident managers are briefed with respect to the incident action plan.

Range fire suppression strategies, objectives of operation.

3.2   Incident is monitored and activities are recorded.

         Range   fire suppression achievements, coordination of activities, fire
                    behaviour.

3.3   Planning meetings are held with the IAP team.

3.4   Planning for the ongoing IAP to cover fire ground mop up and patrol until the fire
         is declared out.

3.5   Operational costs are monitored and recorded against the IAP.

Outcome 4

Re-evaluate the IAP.

Performance criteria

4.1   The IAP is reviewed.

4.2   The IAP is revised as decided by the incident management team.

4.3   Demobilisation is planned and incorporated in the IAP.

Outcome 5

Manage communications and reporting during vegetation fire incidents.

Performance criteria

5.1   The communication plan is developed and maintained in accordance with the
         principles of CIMS.

5.2   Public announcements are provided.

5.3   Information for the incident report and incident debrief is provided.

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This CMR can be accessed at http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do.

Comments on this unit standard

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