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<td>sub-field</td>
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<td>purpose</td>
<td>People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the legal obligations on receiving a maritime distress signal, and respond to a maritime distress signal; and select and use signalling equipment in a maritime distress scenario.</td>
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<td>moderation option</td>
<td>A centrally established and directed moderation system has been established by Competenz.</td>
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<td>special notes</td>
<td>1 Legislative requirements include but are not limited to - International Code of Signals; Maritime Transport Act 1994, and Maritime Rule 23, Part 42A (section 22 to 24) and their subsequent amendments.</td>
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| special notes  | 2 Knowledge underpinning the attainment of this unit standard includes type and function of distress signalling equipment, and search and rescue procedures. |
3 Competencies in this unit standard will be demonstrated in simulated distress situations.

4 Any simulated distress signals must comply with national and local legislative restrictions.


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**Elements and Performance Criteria**

**element 1**

Describe the legal obligations on receiving a maritime distress signal, and respond to a maritime distress signal.

**performance criteria**

1.1 The signal is immediately recognised as a distress signal, consistent with the International Code of Signals.

1.2 The description of the legal obligations is consistent with the Maritime Transport Act.

1.3 The response to the distress signal complies with the International Code of Signals.

1.4 Recording of distress signalling activity is completed in accordance with company standing orders and maritime rules and regulations.
**element 2**

Select and use signalling equipment in a maritime distress scenario.

Range: signalling equipment includes but is not limited to - lights, flags, emergency position indicating radio beacons (EPIRBs), hand signals, radio transmissions, flares (including smoke), sound signals, flames, search and rescue radar transponders (SARTS).

**performance criteria**

2.1 Signalling equipment selected is capable of fulfilling its intended purpose within the specified conditions.

Range: conditions include - visibility, sea, weather, proximity to the shore or other vessels.

2.2 Operation of signalling equipment is in accordance with manufacturer’s directions and legislative requirements.

2.3 The procedures to be followed when a distress signal is accidentally activated are described, consistent with MERSAR.

**Comments on this unit standard**

Please contact Competenz j.broadhead@competenz.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.

**Please Note**

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Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.
Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for providers wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

This unit standard is covered by AMAP 0054 which can be accessed at http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do.