Title	Manage mass casualty triage in a civil defence and emergency management (CDEM) emergency
Level	4	**Credits**	3

Purpose	This unit standard is intended for people acting in a team leader role in a casualty sorting area.
	People credited with this unit standard are able to manage mass casualty identification and classification, and complete documentation; and establish a casualty recording system in the triage area.

Classification	Civil Defence > Civil Defence Management

Available grade	Achieved

Entry information	
Critical health and safety prerequisites	Current first aid certificate, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.

Explanatory notes

1   Definitions
Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) means the application of knowledge, measures, and practices that are necessary or desirable for the safety of the public or property; are designed to guard against, prevent, reduce, or overcome any hazard or harm or loss that may be associated with any emergency; and includes, without limitation, the planning, organisation, coordination, and implementation of those measures, knowledge, and practices.
Disaster Victim Identification (*DVI*) – is the process used to positively identify deceased victims in a mass casualty event.
A *mass casualty incident* is defined as any incident that overwhelms local response resources.
Organisation is an agency engaged in CDEM.
Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment (*START*) – is a systematic process for the prioritisation of medical treatment in a mass casualty incident.

2   Performance of the outcomes in this unit standard must comply with the *MCDEM General Rescue Manual* 2006 available from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management website http://www.usar.govt.nz, training resources section.

3   Assessment against this unit standard may be conducted in a simulated emergency.

4   Performance of the outcomes in this unit standard must comply with the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, Fire Service Act 1975, and the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and their subsequent amendments.

5   The CDEM organisation's requirements or standard operating procedures (SOPs) refer to policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by each CDEM service employer, agency, or host organisation.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Manage mass casualty identification and classification, and complete documentation.

Evidence requirements

1.1   Triage area personnel are briefed in accordance with the organisation's SOPs.

1.2   Management of mass casualties is based on the START colour code and the type and level of resources available.

1.3   Mass casualty sorting is performed in accordance with the START system.

1.4   START triage documentation is completed for each casualty in accordance with the organisation's SOPs.

Outcome 2

Establish a casualty recording system in the triage area.

Evidence requirements

2.1   The arrival, identity, condition, treatment, and departure of each casualty at the triage area are recorded in the system in accordance with the organisation's SOPs.

2.2   Access to casualty records is restricted to those directly involved in the treatment of the casualty and/or the management of the triage area.

2.3   A copy of casualty treatment record accompanies each transferred casualty.

2.4   Casualty deaths are recorded and the police DVI team is notified in accordance with the organisation's SOPs.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	20 June 1996	N/A
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0223

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

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Providers and Industry Training Organisations, which have been granted consent and which are assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Requirements for consent to assess and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR). The CMR also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation (EmQual) info@emqual.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.