



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK  
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## New Zealand Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Rural) (Level 4)

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**Qualification Number**

1853

**Qualification Status**

Current

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2

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**Qualification Type**

Certificate

**Level**

4

**Credits**

40

**NZSCED**

039905 Engineering and Related Technologies>Other Engineering and Related Technologies>Fire Technology and Rescue Services

**Qualification Developer**

The Skills Organisation

**Next Review**

31/12/2020

## Quality Assurance Body

New Zealand Qualifications Authority

## Consistency Review Details

### Next Planned Consistency Review

2019

## Outcome Statement

### Strategic Purpose Statement

This qualification is designed for people in the rural fire sector who may be responsible for leading an emergency response team or crew.

This qualification contributes to a safer New Zealand through providing skilled emergency response personnel.

Graduates will be able to operate under the broad guidance of Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) function manager or an Incident Controller (or equivalent).

### Graduate Profile

Graduates of this qualification will be able to:

- Lead a rural fire crew at a rural fire incident or emergency.
- Apply knowledge of how environmental factors influence fire behaviour at an incident, to manage the safety of a rural fire crew
- Understand the roles and functions of an Incident Management Team and their relationship to the size of the rural fire incident or emergency.
- Ensure health and safety policies and procedures are met and applied while supervising a rural fire crew.
- Ensure that any potential evidence relating to a fire's origin and cause is protected to support a fire investigation.
- Identify the location of a rural fire, and select a suitable route to the fire for a fire crew, using maps and navigation tools
- Determine the equipment and firefighting techniques to use to assist the operational requirements of emergency management incidents, and where appropriate, aid incident reduction.

### Education Pathway

This qualification builds on the New Zealand Certificate in Fire Services (Rural) (Level 3) [Ref: 1852].

## Employment/Cultural/Community Pathway

Graduates will have the skills and knowledge to operate as the leader of a rural fire fighting crew, and may progress into employment within a Rural Fire Authority.

## Qualification Specifications

### Qualification Award

This qualification is awarded by the education organisation where the learner achieved the programme of study or industry training leading to the qualification.

### Evidence requirements for assuring consistency

Evidence may come from:

- Regular monitoring of trainee progression within either the TEO or the workplace, including liaising with employers, teaching staff, training supervisors, and sector managers about the value of the training, graduates, and qualification to the business.
- Regular cross-sector meetings (Advisory Groups) where the changing training needs of the sector can be discussed in light of technology changes, workplace practices and graduate capabilities.
- Independent surveys of graduates and employers to determine if the graduates are appropriate for the workplace.
- Providing an alignment matrix of programme outcomes or unit standards against the qualification outcomes.

### Minimum standard of achievement and standards for grade endorsements

Achieved

### Other requirements for the qualification (including regulatory body or legislative requirements)

N/A

### General conditions for programme

For admission into programmes of study or industry training leading towards this qualification, completion of the New Zealand Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Rural) (Level 3) [Ref: 1852] (or equivalent skills and knowledge) is recommended.

### Conditions relating to the Graduate Profile

Outcome	Indicative Credits	Conditions
1 Lead a rural fire crew at a rural fire incident or emergency.	5 credits	
2 Apply knowledge of how environmental factors influence fire behaviour at an incident, to manage the safety of a rural fire crew	3 credits	
3 Understand the roles and functions of an Incident Management Team and their relationship to the size of the rural fire incident or emergency.	4 credits	
4 Ensure health and safety policies and procedures are met and applied while supervising a rural fire crew.	5 credits	
5 Ensure that any potential evidence relating	4 credits	

to a fire's origin and cause is protected to support a fire investigation.

6 Identify the location of a rural fire, and select a suitable route to the fire for a fire crew, using maps and navigation tools 3 credits

7 Determine the equipment and firefighting techniques to use to assist the operational requirements of emergency management incidents, and where appropriate, aid incident reduction. 16 credits

## Transition Information

### Replacement information

This qualification replaced the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 4) [Ref: 1853]. This has been discontinued.

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to The Skills Organisation at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The Skills Organisation  
PO Box 24469

Royal Oak  
Auckland 1345

## **Additional transition information**

### **Republication information**

Version 2 of this qualification was republished in August 2017 to extend the last date for assessment of Version 1 of this qualification from 31 December 2019 to 31 December 2022.

Version 2 of this qualification was published in December 2015 to reflect the outcomes of the Targeted Review of Qualifications.