

Evidence Guide

Unit 3272: Wear and operate breathing apparatus for general emergencies

Level 3 Credit 3 Version 4

This document can be used by learners and assessors, and provides an outline of the requirements of the unit standard, and what would be expected to be assessed.

- It provides a guide for the collection of evidence to meet the requirements of 3272. It is not the assessment
- As an assessor it is essential that you are familiar with the unit standard
- Learners should only take this assessment when they feel they have had adequate time to prepare, and feel confident in their ability to meet the requirements
- While this resource describes the evidence that is required to meet the requirements of 3272, there may be other methods for gaining the required evidence, e.g. oral discussions, attestations, logbooks, observations from actual events, or simulated training. Any records and/or relevant information should be given to the assessor prior to the assessment, for their consideration. If evidence is gained from other sources it should be attached to the assessment
- This unit standard carries a credit value of 3, which means that without any prior knowledge or experience, it will require approximately 30 hours of learning, practice, and assessment in order to be fully familiar with the requirements involved
- If at the time of assessment there is a difference in views between the assessor and learner with regard to the assessor's decision, this should be discussed between the assessor and learner. Further information regarding the appeals procedure is provided on the FRSITO website www.frsito.org.nz.

Entry information:

- There are no prerequisite unit standards for taking this assessment. Learners and assessors should be aware that activities involved in this unit standard can be dangerous for people with some medical conditions.



Special Notes

- Compliance with the fire and rescue service provider's Health and Safety policy and procedures is mandatory
- *Fire and rescue service provider's requirements* refer to policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by each fire and rescue service employer or host organisation
- Assessment against this unit standard may take place under real or controlled practical simulated conditions
- Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and Occupational Safety and Health Codes of Practice
- *Confined space* is as defined in AS/NZ 2865:2009 *Confined spaces*, and any activities within a confined space must conform to this standard
- The maintenance and use of equipment must comply with AS/NZ 1715:2009 *Selection, use and maintenance of respiratory protective equipment*

Assessment conditions

- To successfully meet the requirements of this unit standard, the learner will need access to the following equipment and resources:
- Breathing apparatus (BA) set (complete with cylinder)
- Entry control system
- Spare cylinders
- Recommissioning facilities

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EVIDENCE CRITERIA
<p><u>Knowledge of BA sets</u></p>
<p>The following are described and/or explained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction - types, and components • Functions • Safety features and procedures, including equipment failure • Testing requirements • The circumstances when BA is required • How wearing BA impacts on the human body
<p><u>Wear BA</u></p>
<p>The following are demonstrated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correctly donned and started up • Entry control procedures established and followed • Search procedures carried out • Continual assessment of the environment • Continual monitoring of own and crew air supply
<p><u>Shutting down and recommissioning equipment</u></p>
<p>The following are demonstrated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct shut down • Correct reporting to the entry control officer (ECO) • Re-commissioning for use. To include maintenance and cleaning requirements • Documentation completed