

## **Assessment Practice Notes April 2006**

**The following Practice Notes have been developed to provide consistency in assessment against FRSITO Unit Standards. They encapsulate decisions made during National Moderation Meetings that take account of issues that may be poorly specified in the Unit Standard or other supporting documentation.**

**It is expected that all FRSITO registered assessors will adopt and apply the judgements contained in these practice notes and if necessary adjust their assessment materials and practice.**

**This latest revision of the practice notes has taken into account the changes incorporated into the new Learner and Assessor Assessment Guides.**

| Unit Standard | Performance Criteria | Issue  | Judgement  |
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| 3300          | General              | What constitutes a large fire?   | <p>A large fire should have the following characteristics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ More than 1 shift</li> <li>▪ Multiple agency</li> <li>▪ Large use of resources</li> <li>▪ Be a significant risk</li> <li>▪ Full CIM's activation</li> <li>▪ Involve the use of heavy machinery and/or aircraft</li> </ul> <p>Examples include:<br/>Withers Hills, Port Underwood.</p>  |
| 3305          | General              | Can this Unit Standard be achieved by other than Fire Service Personnel?                   | No. You must be a grade 1 Driver within the NZ Fire Service and be assigned as an aerial appliance operator. You must be able to demonstrate current competence in the use of the particular aerial appliance in that location.  |
| 3311          | General              | Can this Unit Standard be achieved by other than Fire Service Personnel?                   | Yes, but they must be Fire Brigades Registered by the New Zealand Fire Service Commission. Elements 3 and 4 require the candidate to analyse and demonstrate command and control at hazardous substance emergencies. The purpose statement also indicates that the unit is for people fulfilling the role of first arriving incident controller.   |
| 3315          | General              | Can the candidate describe the role of the fire ground safety officer to obtain this unit? | <p>Sign off by the area moderator is compulsory prior to the 04 form being issued to the candidate.</p> <p>Candidates are required to display proficient, consistent and repeatable performance.</p> <p>Have practical experience across the specified range.</p> <p>Take note of recommendations and pre-requisites.</p> <p>Generally this would necessitate the candidate being a member of a Fire Brigade Registered by the NZ Fire Service Commission.</p> |

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| 3322          | General              | Who can obtain this unit?   | A candidate for this unit standard must be an oil industry specialist.  |
| 4648          | General              | Does a case study have to be completed?   | <p>At Level 5, demonstration of application of knowledge is required.</p> <p>Application of this knowledge may be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A fire case study</li> <li>• A burn plan for a complex prescribed burn</li> <li>• A vegetation fire protection and mitigation strategy for an area with a significant fire risk.</li> <li>• A complex fire investigation report/s incorporating detailed fire behaviour / fire environment factors</li> </ul> <p>This can be assessed by RCC if completion of the NRFA Intermediate Fire Behaviour Course and completion of one of the above applications is successfully done.</p> |
| 10617         | General              | Can this Unit Standard be achieved by other than Fire Service Personnel?  | No. Officers who exercise command within Fire Brigades Registered by the NZ Fire Service Commission can only achieve this unit.   |
| 10618         | 1.6 Range            | Could shoring be removed from the range statement :<br>positioning of emergency vehicles, use of protection and high visibility clothing, conduct of traffic, prohibition of smoking, shoring up against collapse or movement, isolation of ignition and fuel sources, provision of means of fire extinguishment. | What is required is not shoring as defined by USAR, but instead basic shoring used in day to day rescue situations.   |
| 14562         | Prerequisite         | TAG approved dropping 20395 as a prerequisite unit and replacing with 3272 as a recommended unit. Change was initiated with NZQA. Subsequent submission back to TAG from NZFS   | Pending TAG ratifying this change, assessment against this unit will require 3272 to be gained as a prerequisite unit (pending a further review of this unit standard is undertaken in the future).   |

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|               |                      | requests 3272 become a prerequisite unit standard.  |   |
| 14563         | General              | How will this be assessed when these fires do not occur very often?<br>Rotary or fixed wing aircraft or both? | <p>An understanding before practical experience is required. The kiwi simulator may be able to be used in future otherwise practical assessment is necessary. Assessors must hold this unit before they can be registered to assess it.</p> <p>The aircraft used for the assessment should be what is situated on their tarmac. This will differ from place to place.</p> |

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| 14564         | General              | Is attendance at a Crew Boss course sufficient?<br>Should the assessment be an open book assessment? | This is not sufficient evidence.<br>No. Wherever possible the assessment should be conducted under supervision. The Unit Standard requires a very detailed response to some questions in essay style and evidence portfolios must provide evidence of in depth knowledge.  |
| 16946         | General              | Can this Unit Standard be achieved by other than Fire Service Personnel?                             | No. Firefighters and officers who exercise command within Fire Brigades Registered by the NZ Fire Service Commission can only achieve this unit. In addition the candidate should be assigned to a station with access to the range of tools identified in the various range statements.   |
| 16951         | General              | Can this Unit Standard be achieved by other than Fire Service Personnel?                             | No. Firefighters and officers who operate within Fire Brigades Registered by the NZ Fire Service Commission can only achieve this unit. In addition a candidate must be within an urban environment.   |
| 16952         | General              | Can this Unit Standard be achieved by other than Fire Service Personnel                              | No. Firefighters and officers who operate within Fire Brigades Registered by the NZ Fire Service Commission can only achieve this unit. In addition a candidate must be within an urban environment.   |
| 17280         | General              | What evidence is sufficient for this level 4 unit?   | Candidates that would like to gain the unit standard should provide as evidence the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The pre-course assignment.</li> <li>▪ The observers check sheets for each of the 4 roles.</li> <li>▪ The completed exercises from the CIMS Level 4 course manual.</li> <li>▪ A copy of the course certificate to validate the completion of the course.</li> </ul> |

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| 17281         | General              | What evidence is sufficient for this level 6 unit? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unit Standard <b>17281</b>, <i>Control multi-agency emergency incidents as a lead agency incident controller</i>, can only be awarded to candidates who have actually undertaken the role of Incident Controller in an emergency situation competently using the CIMS methodology and have the unit standards 17279 and 17280.</li> <br/> <li><b>OR</b></li> <li>▪ A candidate may also be awarded this if they have completed the 2 lower CIMS unit standards, completed a fully simulated multi agency incident competently and completed a table top exercise(s). The candidate <u>must</u> have previous experience as an Incident Controller using the old methodology.</li> <br/> <li><b>AND</b></li> <li>▪ Is able to show evidence for each performance criteria of unit standard 17281.</li> </ul> |

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| 20393         | General              | Can this Unit Standard be achieved by other than Fire Service Personnel? | <b>No.</b> This unit can only be achieved by firefighters or officers employed within Fire Brigades Registered by the NZ Fire Service Commission.<br>Providers must comply with the fire and rescue service Policies and Operating Procedures.  |
| 20394         | General              | Can this Unit Standard be achieved by other than Fire Service Personnel? | <b>No.</b> Officers or firefighters who are members of Fire Brigades Registered by the NZ Fire Service Commission that have the necessary equipment and access to the primary reference material can only achieve this unit.  |
| 20395         | General              | Can this Unit Standard be achieved by other than Fire Service Personnel? | <b>No.</b> This unit is specifically established for those firefighters operating principally within the New Zealand Fire Service or Defence Force who undergo the required training conducted by an approved provider. In addition they should be wearing BA primarily for aggressive interior fire attack.<br>Special Note 6 requires attendance at NZFS or NZDF course. Other course attendance will only be applicable if moderated and pre approved by FRSITO. |