



Breathing Apparatus Operator

Initial Skill Development Certification Programme

TARGET AUDIENCE – This course is designed for personnel in all workplaces who are required to wear or use Breathing Apparatus, as respiratory protection primarily for rescue and limited fire attack.

AIM – To provide participants with the confidence, knowledge and skills to properly shut down processes, respond to fires and perform searches, snatch rescues and evacuations in irrespirable atmospheres prior to the arrival of the New Zealand Fire Service.

Units	Unit Standards Covered that can be earned during this Skill Development Workshop	Level	Credits	Version
3272	Wear and operate breathing apparatus in general emergencies	3	3	3

Date	Time	Venue	Based on N° of Trainees
2 Days	0800 – 1700	Within agreed workplace or training facility	Min of 2 / Max 6

VENUE – This course can be conducted in your workplace where there are appropriate facilities provided and safety and environmental issues can be addressed.

PREREQUISITES – Candidates must be medically fit and have no fear of confined spaces and limited facial growth i.e. trimmed moustaches only (no beards) as per AS - 1715 - 1994.

CONTENT – This 2 day ‘Hands-On” practical lifesaving course provides the participant with the necessary skills and knowledge required to operate and maintain the self contained breathing apparatus equipment in irrespirable atmospheres.

PRACTICAL EXERCISE – Finally we tie all the theory into a practice by allowing students to take part in a number of practical scenarios which include appropriate conduct of pre-donning tests, correct donning of breathing apparatus, operation and movement in poor conditions or reduced visibility, breathing apparatus emergency procedures, correct removal of breathing apparatus gear, etc. This provides participants with an opportunity to practice duties, test procedures and experience PPE utilised at their place of employment.

ASSESSMENT – An individual's competency will be assessed against both theory and practical training components of AS 1715:1994, ASNZ 2865:2001 and FRSITO performance criteria using various assessment methods including answering questions whilst demonstrating practical skills. Individuals become certified as competent to the level by being assessed.

CERTIFICATION – Participants who are deemed competent will receive a **Breathing Apparatus Operators** certificate and be credited with the above unit standards to validate that they have received structured Breathing Apparatus training in accordance with AS 1715:1994, ASNZ 2865:2001 and the procedures on safety and operation set down by the host employer pursuant to the requirements of the Health & Safety in Employment Act and Regulations.

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“ONE STOP” WORKPLACE FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMME**

Please email assessment@fire-rescue.ac.nz if you require more information or to enrol in this course