



Rural Fire Fighter Certification

TARGET GROUP – The Rural Firefighter (RFF) programme is targeted at suitable members with no or little previous experience or expertise in fighting fires (i.e. new members who want to become firefighters). It is the minimum standard needed for members to actively participate in fighting fires.

PURPOSE – This introductory course is designed to enable suitable members to perform at the level required to control fires and perform other functions safely and effectively while working under orders, but without constant direct supervision.

NZQA – This course is a practical based programme that uses predominantly hands on adult learning techniques to meet identified learning outcomes of the following unit standards required to function as a rural fire fighter:

Units	Description	Level	Credit	Version
3285	DKO protection of personal safety at vegetation fires	3	3	4
3278	DKO command & control structure of an emergency service	2	2	4
4573	Communicate in the outdoors using two-way radio	2	1	6
21417	Operate light portable pumps in a vegetation fire environment	2	2	2
3270	Establish and deliver water supplies for fire fighting	2	3	4
3286	Control vegetation fires using dry fire fighting techniques	3	3	4
3287	Suppress wildfires with water and with water with additives	3	3	4

Theory Skill Development	Operational Skill Development	Operational Assessment	Based on N°
By Distance learning	Rostered Day 1 (0800 – 1800)	Rostered Day 2 (0800 – 1700)	Min of 6 / Max 12

COURSE FEES – This service is delivered on a **Flat Fee** for this service basis, at a cost of \$800 + GST per course + NQF Credit Fees, for up to a maximum of 12 VRFF's. This fee covers the cost of professional planning, tuition, certificates & reporting of credits to NZQA. A travel and accommodation surcharge will apply for bookings outside of Central Hawkes Bay.

PREREQUISITES – Members must read over and complete all pre-course assignments before commencing assessment.

TRAINING – This 2 day 'Hands-On' course involves pre-course work*, instructor-led theory and practical sessions, covering Incident safety, an appreciation of fire behaviour, potential hazards, working in a team, pumping, dry fire fighting, working with suppressants, maintenance and care of equipment, and communications.

ASSESSMENT – Progressive theory and practical assessments throughout the course, based on the NZQA/EMQUAL assessment criteria of each unit standard, including oral questions relating to underpinning knowledge and practical fire fighting skills in line with National Rural Fire Authority training guidelines.

CERTIFICATION – Participants who are deemed competent against the NZQA assessment criteria of each unit standard, will be awarded an **Rural Fire Fighters Certificate**, and be credited with the above unit standards on their NZQA Record of Achievement to validate that they have received structured fire control training in accordance with the Health & Safety in Employment Act, Regulations and associated National Rural Fire Authority Training Standards.

WHY CHOOSE US AS YOUR TRAINING PROVIDER? – As a private Fire Service and Tertiary Education Organisation, Fire & Rescue New Zealand has over 16 years' experience in the delivery of on-site fire extinguisher, fire fighting, first aid, confined space, breathing apparatus, height safety and rescue training and assessment services. Our training services are tailored to meet the needs of your business, and they are taught by professional fire fighters with real life operational experience in fire and medical emergencies.

BOOKINGS – For further details regarding advice or to book this course please contact Captain Simon Osborne by email simon@fire-rescue.ac.nz or FREE phone 0800 347 398 or TXT 021 712 180 or Skype [pyro-kiwi](https://www.skype.com/en/contacts/pyro-kiwi)

SAFETY WON'T COST YOU ANYTHING...UNTIL YOUR VOLUNTEERS FORGET IT!

Eliminate the potential Risks and Improve Fire Ground Safety

After all, the last thing you want to do is end up getting your fingers burnt!