



# Rural Fire Fighter

## Skill Development Certification Programme

This introductory course is designed to train entry-level fire-fighters. You will be introduced to and gain knowledge of the basic incident management organisation, suppression equipment, safety, fire fighting techniques, strategy/tactics along with fire behaviour.

**AIM** – The aim of the programme is to ensure those participants with little or no prior knowledge or experience in wildfire suppression techniques receive an understanding of bush/grass fire behaviour and the theoretical fire fighting skills needed to operate safely and effectively as a member of a rural fire team.

Units	COURSE OUTLINE – At the completion of this course students will be able to	Level	Credit
3285	DKO protection of personal safety at vegetation fires	3	3
3278	DKO command & control structure of an emergency service	1	2
4573	Communicate in the outdoors using two-way radio	2	1
21417	Operate light portable pumps in a vegetation fire environment	2	2
3270	Establish and deliver water supplies for fire fighting	2	3
3286	Control vegetation fires using dry fire fighting techniques	3	2
3287	Suppress wildfires with water and with water with additives	3	2

Date	Duration	Venue	Based on N° of Trainees
TBC	2 Days - 0700 - 1700	Distance learning & agreed workplace	Min of 6 / Max 12

**TRAINING** – This 2 day ‘Hands-On” course involves 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.

Delivery includes supported pre-course distance learning, assessment projects, and audio visual workshops which will help develop the skills and knowledge required to operate safely and effectively as a member of a rural fire team.

**ASSESSMENT** – An individual's competency will be assessed against FRSITO performance criteria using various assessment methods including answering questions whilst demonstrating practical fire fighting skills. Individuals become certified as competent to the level by being assessed against Unit STD/Assessment Guides and performance criteria.

**CERTIFICATION** – Participants who are deemed competent will receive a **Rural Fire Fighters** certificate and be credited with the above unit standard to validate that they have received structured fire control training in accordance with the procedures on safety and operation pursuant to the requirements of the Health & Safety in Employment Act, Regulations and associated NRFA Training Standards.



**Safety won't cost you anything...until your Crew members forget it!**  
It's their daily routine – it doesn't have to be dangerous

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