

Unit ID: 1754	
Domain	FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE OPERATIONS
Title:	Maintain safe work environment and operational response
Level: 1	Credits: 6

Purpose

This unit standard specifies the competencies required to be able to maintain safe work environment and operational response. People credited with this unit standard are able to: Demonstrate knowledge of fire service discipline and command; describe the history and culture of the fire and rescue service and clean work areas. This unit standard is intended for those who intend to work and also those currently working in firefighting and rescue operations.

Special Notes

1. Entry information:
 - Prerequisite
 - None.
2. This unit standard is to be assessed in the context of firefighting and rescue operations and should be assessed in conjunction with other relevant technical unit standards selected from this domain.
3. Assessment evidence may be collected at a real workplace or an appropriate simulated realistic environment in which firefighting and rescue operations are carried out.
4. Glossary of terms:
 - 'SANS' refers to South Africa National Standards
 - 'NFPA' refers to National Fire Protection Association
 - 'ANSI' American National Standards Institute
 - 'SOP' Standard Operational Procedures
 - 'SOG' Standard Operational Guidelines
5. Performance of all elements in this unit standard must comply with firefighting industry standards and workplace requirements.
6. Regulations and legislation relevant to this unit standard include the following:
 - Labour Act No. 11 of 2007
 - Occupational Health and Safety Regulations No. 18, 1997 and all subsequent amendments
 - Applicable Organizational and Authorities personnel Rules
 - Conditions of Service and relevant SOP and SOG
 - ISO 14001 (Environmental Management Standard)
 - The Local Fire Brigade Services Act, Act No 5 of 2006 and all subsequent amendments to any of the above.

Quality Assurance Requirements

This unit standard and others within this subfield may be awarded by institutions which meet the accreditation requirements set by the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority and which comply with the national assessment and moderation requirements. Details of specific accreditation requirements and the national assessment arrangements are available from the Namibia Qualifications Authority on www.namqa.org and the Namibia Training Authority on www.nta.com.na.

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element 1: Demonstrate knowledge of fire service discipline and command

Performance Criteria

- 1.1 Organizational functions are described and explained in accordance with workplace requirements.
- 1.2 The role and responsibilities of the organisation, its mission and vision indicating links are explained in accordance with workplace structure.
- 1.3 SOPs are identified and applied according to workplace procedures.
- 1.4 SOGs are identified and applied according to workplace procedures.
- 1.5 Communication procedures, etiquettes, codes and practices are applied in relation to a range of typical emergency and non-emergency contexts according to workplace requirements.
- 1.6 Safety guidelines in the fire station, on emergency services vehicles are explained in accordance with workplace requirements.
- 1.7 General procedures and guidelines for emergency scene management are explained in accordance with workplace requirements.

Element 2: Describe the history and culture of the fire and rescue service

Performance Criteria

- 2.1 Importance of firefighting and rescue service is explained.
- 2.2 The history and development of firefighting and rescue service is explained.
- 2.3 The culture of fire service of firefighting and rescue service is explained.
- 2.4 Emergency and rapid intervention procedures are explained in accordance with workplace requirements.

Element 3: Clean work areas

Performance Criteria

- 3.1 A working knowledge of the correct procedures for caring for fire service equipment is demonstrated in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.
- 3.2 Fire station environment is cleaned according to workplace procedures.
- 3.3 Tools and equipment are stored in designated places according to workplace procedures.
- 3.4 Walkways and gangways are kept clear according to SOP.

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