

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of the coordinated incident management system (CIMS)		
Level	2	Credits	2

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the role and purpose of CIMS; and demonstrate knowledge of the elements, terminology, and structure of CIMS; and of the incident control procedures in CIMS operating environments.
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Classification	Community and Workplace Fire and Emergency Management > Workplace Emergency Risk Management
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Explanatory notes

- 1 Primary references for this unit standard are approved training resources endorsed by the National Joint Agency CIMS Steering Committee. These references are available from the Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation, PO Box 11988, Wellington 6142.
- 2 Definitions

An *incident* is a disruption, accidentally or deliberately caused, which requires a response from one or more agency.

An *event* is an incident or a planned activity that occurs in a particular place during a particular interval of time.

An *emergency* is an event, actual or imminent, which endangers or threatens to endanger life, property, or the environment, and which requires a significant and coordinated response.

Agency procedures refer to written agency requirements for responding to, and taking action at, emergencies.

The *coordinated incident management system (CIMS)* is a structure established to systematically manage emergency incidents.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Describe the role and purpose of CIMS.

Evidence requirements

- 1.1 Key components of emergency management are identified in accordance with CIMS framework.

1.2 Agency roles are identified in terms of CIMS structure.

Range any five agencies from – ambulance service, Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management, the Department of Conservation, district health board, fire service, local government, Maritime New Zealand, New Zealand Customs Service, Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministry of Health, New Zealand Defence Force, Police, primary health organisation, Rural Fire Authority.

1.3 Identification of events where CIMS is used to improve performance of participating emergency services is made in accordance with primary references.

Range natural event, planned event.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of the elements, terminology, and structure of CIMS.

Evidence requirements

2.1 The elements of CIMS are identified in terms of primary references and agency procedures.

Range modular organisation, integrated communications, incident action plans, span of control, incident facilities, resource management.

2.2 Common emergency management terms are defined in the operation of CIMS in accordance with primary references.

Range assembly area, control and command, emergency operations centre, incident control point, helibase or helipad, incident action plan, incident management team, inner cordon, lead agency, outer cordon, safe forward point, situation report, staging area, support agency, triage area.

2.3 The structure of CIMS is described in accordance with primary references.

Range incident control, planning/intelligence, logistics, operations.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of incident control procedures in CIMS operating environments.

Evidence requirements

3.1 CIMS incident control structure is used to identify key operational positions in accordance with primary references.

Range incident controller, logistics manager, operations manager, planning/intelligence manager, response coordinator.

3.2 Basic theory of command, control, and coordination in CIMS is explained in accordance with primary references.

Range lead agency, single agency command, support agency, bringing together agency resources.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Registration	1	28 January 2000	31 December 2012
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This AMAP can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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Consent requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

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