Professional Standard:
Certified Incident Controller Requirements

Authority

This standard was approved by the AFAC Council on 30 April 2018.

Context

The Emergency Management Professionalisation Scheme (the Scheme) is a program to recognise the skills, abilities and experience of emergency management practitioners.

Established by AFAC, the national council and peak body for fire, land management and emergency service agencies in Australia and New Zealand, the Scheme is an initiative designed to promote emergency management as a profession.

The Scheme is open to career and volunteer personnel of AFAC member agencies, as well as individuals from other approved organisations.

Scope of application

This standard applies to applicants seeking recognition in the role of Certified Incident Controller.

Hazard specific expertise will be evaluated as part of the credentialing process, but credentials are not awarded by hazard class.

Applicants may be career staff or volunteers of AFAC member agencies or personnel from approved commercial or other government entities.

Credential

The Certified Incident Controller credential is awarded to an individual who has successfully fulfilled all eligibility requirements. Individuals will be recognised as an expert in Incident Control, with substantial experience in managing high impact, high consequence and complex emergencies.

Eligibility

An applicant must be able to provide evidence to demonstrate that he or she:

- Has signed and committed to the Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct 2017.
- Has the equivalent of three years' or more applicable experience and has successfully fulfilled the role of Incident Controller at complex, high impact, high consequence emergency events.
- Is in compliance with the *Professional Standard: Continuing Professional Development*.
- Is supported by their home agency or jurisdiction.
- Has written documentation that demonstrates compliance to all relevant standards.

Education requirements for Certified Incident Controller

Applicants must be able to demonstrate:

1. Successful completion of one or more of the education components specified in Table 1;

2. Capabilities as described in the Professional Standard: Incident Controller Capabilities; and

3. Written documentation as evidence of meeting the requirements of this standard.

Table 1:

Course or Program
PUAOPE019 Control a level 3 incident
An AFAC member agency course for advanced incident controllers which is formally assessed against criteria equivalent to PUAOPE019
PUA50419 Diploma of Public Safety (SES Operations Management) PUA60519 Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Firefighting Management) PUA60120 Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Emergency Management)
A qualification which was awarded after formal assessment and which in the view of the Panel provides evidence of the Applicant's competence to control a level 3 incident equivalent to PUAOPE019

Definitions

A high impact, high consequence, complex event:	Is a Level 3 incident or equivalent as described in the AIIMS Manual and as determined by the Panel.
Equivalent three years' applicable experience:	Is the performance of Incident Control roles during periods of above-normal activity, which is sufficiently recent to demonstrate current competency, as determined by the Panel.

Review

This standard will commence April 2018. The Panel will review this standard after five years or as required.

Related professional standards

- Code of Ethics (2017).
- Professional Standard: Incident Controller Capabilities (2018).
- Professional Standard: Continuing Professional Development (2018).