

Professional Standard: Registered Air Base Manager

Authority

This standard was endorsed by the AFAC Emergency Management Professionalisation Scheme Panel on 29 September 2021.

Context

The AFAC 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 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 or who have AFAC member agency support.

Scope of application

This standard applies to applicants seeking registration in the role of Air Base Manager.

Hazard specific expertise is evaluated as part of the education component of eligibility and is a matter for the assessing agency to determine. Registration is limited to the role and is not separated into hazard classes.

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

Credential

The Registered Air Base Manager credential is awarded to an individual who has successfully fulfilled all eligibility requirements.

The Air Base Manager establishes and manages an air base and provides support services for the resources involved in aerial operations missions conducted as part of an incident response.

The Air Base Manager works in the Air Operations Unit of an IMT and assists the Aircraft Officer. Aerial operations missions are conducted from an air base, which may be located at an existing airport or helipad or may be in a remote location.

Reports to: The Aircraft Officer, where appointed, or the Air Operations Manager or the Operations Officer.

Education requirements for Air Base Manager

Applicants must be able to provide documented evidence of successful completion of the education components and all associated prerequisites as specified in Table 1.

Table 1:

Course or Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUAFIR003 Manage aviation support operations at air base • 22459VIC – Course in the Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) • 22541VIC – Course in Basic wildfire awareness (or equivalent) <p>And</p> <p>Hold the required competencies for an Air Base Operator, including statements of attainment in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUAFIR017 Work safely around aircraft • PUAOPE020 Lead a crew • PUAOPE013 Operate communications systems and equipment.
<p>SPECIAL NOTE: Where an Applicant held the competencies specified for the role of Air Base Manager under the superseded Fire Aviation Training and Assessment Framework (2011), then, so long as they have maintained their currency they are deemed to have fulfilled the education requirements of this Standard.</p>

Experience requirements for Air Base Manager

Applicants must be able to provide documented evidence to demonstrate that he or she:

- has committed to the EMPS Code of Ethics 2017
- is endorsed by their agency as an Air Base Manager
- has at least two years’ experience as an Air Base Manager
- has at least one operational season’s experience as an Air Base Manager without mentoring or supervision
- is supported by their home agency or jurisdiction.

Definitions

<i>Two years’ experience</i>	Is active experience over at least two operational seasons during which the individual has carried out the role of Air Base Manager.
<i>Operational season</i>	Is that part of a 12-month period in which the natural hazard class managed by an agency is likely to occur with greatest frequency. There is only one operational season in a 12-month period.

Continuing Professional Development:

To maintain currency, the Air Base Manager must complete 10 hours of CPD each financial year. This must include a practical CPD activity, performing the role during an actual or simulated operational situation.

Note:

- Practical CPD for Air Operations Manager also counts for Aircraft Officer and Air Base Manager
- Practical CPD for Aircraft Officer also counts for Air Base Manager.

Review

This standard will commence 29 September 2021. The Panel will review this standard after five years or as required.

Related professional standards

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