

Professional Standard: Registered Divisional Commander

Authority

This standard was endorsed by the EMPS Panel in August 2018.

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 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 registration in the role of Divisional Commander. 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 Divisional Commander credential is awarded to an individual who has successfully fulfilled all eligibility requirements. Individuals will be recognised as proficient in commanding a Division as defined in AIIMS, with experience in the role at high-impact, high-consequence, complex events.

Education requirements for Divisional Commander

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

Table 1:

Course or Program
PUAOPE016 Manage a multi-team sector <i>or</i> PUAOPE023 Manage operations for a level 2 incident
An AFAC member agency course for intermediate level incident controllers which is formally assessed against criteria equivalent to PUAOPE016 or PUAOPE023.
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 2 incident equivalent to PUAOPE016 or PUAOPE023.

Eligibility – Registered Divisional Commander

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

- Has committed to the EMPS Code of Ethics 2017.
- Has successfully fulfilled the role of Divisional Commander at high- impact, high-consequence, complex emergency events for at least two years and in a minimum of three instances, with at least one instance being in the 12 months before applying.
- Is supported by their home agency or jurisdiction.

NOTE: registration as Divisional Commander is open only to those who have demonstrated experience in this role at high-impact, high-consequence, complex events.

Definitions

<i>A high impact, high consequence, complex event</i>	Is a Level 3 incident or equivalent as described in the AIIMS Manual and as determined by the Panel.
<i>Instance</i>	Is an operational incident, an exercise involving a realistic simulation of an operational incident, or an incident management team activated in anticipation of an operational incident.

Review

This standard will commence August 2018. 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).