



Australian Government

**PUA20719 Certificate II in Public Safety
(Firefighting Operations)**

Release 4

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Modification History

Release 4. This is the fourth release of this qualification in the PUA Public Safety Training Package. The following unit has been updated in the general elective group:

- FWPCOT3325 Operate a four wheel drive vehicle on unsealed roads.

Release 3. Updated superseded HLT elective unit.

Release 2. This is the second release of this qualification in the PUA – Public Safety Training Package.

Editorial adjustments and electives updated.

Release 1. This is the first release of this qualification in the PUA – Public Safety Training Package.

Qualification Description

The PUA20719 Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations) is designed for introductory level firefighting professionals who respond to disasters and/or incidents that endanger life, property and the environment, as a member of a firefighting team.

The role of a firefighter is to suppress and extinguish fires, to protect lives and to prevent the destruction of property and the environment. To prevent fires from starting and to improve community safety a firefighter's duties may include participating in community education programs about fire safety and contributing to fire inspections of locations to verify adherence to local fire regulations.

This qualification includes the units of competency required by firefighters to respond to wildfire incidents and to perform a range of other related activities. At this level, firefighters generally work under supervision and have limited discretion in selecting equipment and determining tactics.

The fire sector is those sections of government departments, statutory authorities or organisations that have responsibility under jurisdictional arrangements for the delivery of firefighting and fire management services.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

Packaging Rules

A total of 11 units of competency comprising

- **4 core units** listed below; plus
- **7 elective units** from the elective units listed

Choose a minimum of 5 elective units from the elective unit lists below.

Choose the remaining 2 elective units from the elective units lists below or elsewhere within this training package or another endorsed training package or accredited course.

A maximum of 2 elective units may be chosen from Group B.

All elective units selected from outside this qualification must contribute to the vocational outcome of the qualification. Where imported units are selected, care must be taken to ensure that all prerequisite units specified are complied with. Prerequisites attached to any of the units must be obtained and are additional to the number of units required for this qualification.

Where a prerequisite is attached to a unit it is identified by the symbol ⊥.

Note:

Refer to the PUA Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide for information on fire prerequisites.

Core units

PUAEQU001	Prepare, maintain and test response equipment ⊥ PUAFIR210 Prevent injury
PUAFIR204	Respond to wildfire ⊥ PUAFIR210 Prevent injury
PUAFIR210	Prevent injury
PUATEA001	Work in a team

Group A: Elective units

FWPCOT3325	Operate four wheel drive vehicle on unsealed roads
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid
PUACOM001	Communicate in the workplace
PUACOM002	Provide services to clients
PUAFIR015	Undertake helicopter winch operations ⊥ PUAFIR017 Work safely around aircraft
PUAFIR016	Undertake hover-exit operations from helicopter

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PUAFIR201	Assist with prescribed burning
	└ PUAFIR210 Prevent injury
PUAFIR202	Use Class A foam in wildfire operations and non-structural applications
	└ PUAFIR204 Respond to wildfire
PUAFIR203	Respond to urban fire
	└ PUAFIR207 Operate breathing apparatus open circuit
PUAFIR205	Respond to aviation incident (specialist)
	└ PUAFIR203 Respond to urban fire
PUAFIR206	Check installed fire safety systems
PUAFIR207	Operate breathing apparatus open circuit
	└ PUAFIR210 Prevent injury
PUAFIR208	Participate in community safety activities
PUAFIR212	Rappel from helicopter
	└ PUAFIR017 Work safely around aircraft
PUAFIR220	Respond to isolated structure fire
	└ PUAFIR210 Prevent injury
PUAFIR301	Undertake community safety activities
PUALAW001	Protect and preserve incident scene
PUAOPE013	Operate communications systems and equipment
PUASAR001	Perform land based swiftwater and floodwater rescue and recovery
	└ HLTAID011 Provide First Aid
PUASAR022	Participate in a rescue operation
	└ HLTAID011 - Provide First Aid
PUASAR023	Participate in a first response urban search and rescue Category 1
	└ HLTAID011 Provide First Aid
PUATEA004	Work effectively in a public safety organisation

PUAWHS001 Follow defined work, health and safety policies and procedures

Group B: Elective units

AHCMOM213 Operate and maintain chainsaws

FWPCOT2253 Fell trees manually (basic)

FWPCOT2254 Maintain chainsaws

FWPCOT2256 Trim and cut felled trees

Qualification Mapping Information

This qualification replaces and is equivalent to PUA20713 Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations).

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=3eca5672-6d5a-410b-8942-810d0ba05bbf>