

# Summary of incremental change to Edexcel Level 3 NVQs in Emergency Fire Services

The changes within this summary have been agreed by the SSB and accredited by QCA. These changes are to be implemented for all candidates registered from 1 December 2006.

## Edexcel Level 3 NVQ in Emergency Fire Services - Control Operations

### Unit code changes

CO6 – Support the development of colleagues in the workplace is now coded :

FF7 – Support the development of colleagues in the workplace

CO7 – Drive manoeuvre and re-deploy fire service vehicles is now coded

FF9 – Drive manoeuvre and re-deploy fire service vehicles

This change in coding is to bring into line all the units within Emergency Fire Services Suite. The content of the unit remains the same.

CO8 – Enter and integrate data and present information using a computer system (Admin level 3 Unit 6)

is now coded:

CO9 – Enter and integrate data and present information using a computer system (Admin level 3 Unit 6)

This is due to the new optional unit being added into the structure

### New optional unit

CO8 - Maintain and use databases (e-skills NTO)

The revised structure is on the next page.

## New Structure for Control Operations

### Group A - Mandatory units for the Level 3 NVQ in Control Operations

Candidates must achieve all five of the units listed.

Unit number	Title
Unit CO1	Maintain information on EFS operational resources
Unit CO2	Take responsibility for effective performance
Unit CO3	Co-ordinate response to assist with resolution of event
Unit CO4	Maintain reliability and readiness of control operations equipment
Unit CO5	Manage information to support the needs of your community

### Group B - Optional units for the Level 3 NVQ in Control Operations

Candidates must achieve one of the units listed.

Unit number	Title
Unit FF7	Support the development of colleagues in the workplace
Unit FF9	Drive manoeuvre and re-deploy fire service vehicles
Unit CO8	Maintain and use databases (e-skills NTO)
Unit CO9	Enter and integrate data and present information using a computer system (Admin level 3 Unit 6)

# Edexcel Level 3 NVQ in Emergency Fire Services - Watch Management

## Unit code changes

WM4 – Take responsibility for effective performance  
is now coded

CO2 – Take responsibility for effective performance

This change in coding is to bring into line all the units within Emergency Fire Services Suite. The content of the unit remains the same.

## Changes to simulation guidance

### **WM8 – Lead and support control operations to resolve operational events**

#### **Element WM8.1 – Plan action to meet the needs of events**

The words indicated in *italics and underlined* below have been removed from element WM8.1

Simulation is acceptable for this element, in the absence of opportunity for demonstration of competence through actual work performance. *This may include simulation for one item from each of the categories listed below.* Assessment should be conducted on several occasions, over time, to ensure demonstration of consistency of competence against the specified standards

- ❖ *Category 1 - teams single and multiple*
- ❖ *Category 2 - incidents initial deployment and redeployment*
- ❖ *Category 3 - location enclosed or underground, above the ground, involving cooling/protecting surrounding risks*

#### **Element WM8.2 – Implement action to meet planned objectives**

The words indicated in *italics and underlined* below have been removed from element WM8.1

Simulation is acceptable for this element, in the absence of opportunity for demonstration of competence through actual work performance. *This may include simulation for one item from each of the categories listed below.* Assessment should be conducted on several occasions, over time, to ensure demonstration of consistency of competence against the specified standards

- ❖ *Category 1 - teams single and multiple*
- ❖ *Category 2 - incidents initial deployment and redeployment*
- ❖ *Category 3 - location enclosed or underground, above the ground, involving cooling/protecting surrounding risks*

# Edexcel Level 3 NVQ in Emergency Fire Services - Operations in the Community

## Changes to simulation guidance

### FF3 – Save and preserve endangered life

#### Element FF3.1 – Conduct a search to locate life involved in incidents

The words indicated in *italics and underlined* below have been removed from Element FF3.1

Simulation is acceptable for this element in the absence of opportunity for demonstration of competence through actual work performance. This may include three of the four contexts listed below. *Actual work performance must be provided for use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on at least one occasion.* Assessment should be conducted on several occasions, over time, to ensure demonstration of consistency of competence against the specified standards and coverage of the following contexts.

- ❖ search for people reported/known missing
- ❖ search to establish all life accounted for
- ❖ search with significant difficulties or barriers to progress to be overcome
- ❖ search where the incident is protracted, involving more than one team

Actual workplace in this context is any occasion when the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provides protection against any environmental hazard that may be encountered whether or not the hazard arises from actual or simulated workplace activity.

### FF4 – Resolve operational incidents

#### Element FF4.1 – Control and extinguish fires

The words indicated in *italics and underlined* below have been removed from Element FF4.1

Simulation is acceptable for this element in the absence of opportunity for demonstration of competence through actual work performance. This may include two of the contexts listed below. *Actual work performance must be provided for use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on at least one occasion.* Assessment should be conducted on several occasions, over time, to ensure demonstration of consistency of competence against the specified standards.

- ❖ incidents in the open air
- ❖ incidents which are enclosed or underground
- ❖ incidents which are above the ground
- ❖ incidents involving cooling/protecting surrounding risks

Actual workplace in this context is any occasion when the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provides protection against any environmental hazard that may be encountered whether or not the hazard arises from actual or simulated workplace activity.