

3A**Demonstrate use of force responses in a prison environment**

Kaupae Level	3
Whiwhinga Credit	5
Whāinga Purpose	<p>This skill standard is for a person working as a Corrections Officer in a prison environment.</p> <p>People credited with this skill standard will be able to – in relation to use of force responses in a prison environment – summarise legal and operational rules, employ medical and health considerations, apply use of force techniques, and describe debriefing processes.</p> <p>This standard aligns with the outcomes of the New Zealand Certificate in Prisoner Management (Level 3) [Ref: 2658].</p>

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Summarise legal and operational rules governing use of force in a prison environment.	a. Define the term 'use of force responses' as it relates to working in a prison environment.
	b. Identify aspects of the Tactical Options Framework that relate to use of force in a prison environment.
	c. Identify legislative authority to apply use of force in a prison environment.
2. Employ medical and health considerations when applying use of force in a prison environment.	a. Recognise medical considerations when applying control and restraint techniques in a prison environment.
3. Apply use of force techniques in a prison environment.	a. Outline own professional responsibilities when using force in a prison environment.
	b. Explain own decision-making processes when considering use of force in a prison environment.
	c. Clarify team member roles and responsibilities when applying control and restraint techniques in a prison environment.
	d. Apply the appropriate caution to a prisoner prior to use of force.
	e. Demonstrate appropriate control and restraint techniques in a prison environment.
4. Describe debriefing processes that follow use of force in a prison environment.	a. Outline debriefing processes following use of force in a prison environment.
	b. Summarise use of force reporting techniques and required timeframes.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

- Assessment against this skill standard may take place in a simulated environment.

Definitions:

- A *prison environment* refers to a setting that replicates the conditions, structure, and dynamics of a correctional facility. This includes actual prisons, and any time prisoners are managed outside of the confines of a prison.

- The *Tactical Options Framework* is a tool used to appropriately decide when, how, and at what level to use tactical options. It assists in deciding what level of force is necessary and proportionate, given all the circumstances known at the time.
- *Use of force* refers to the application of reasonable and justified physical force to achieve lawful objectives.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

- Tactical Options Framework.
- Use of force definition and legislative requirements.
- When control and restraint can be considered as a tactical option.
- Tactical options model.
- Personal responsibility when using force.
- Team members role in use of force.
- Implications of using force necessary for the situation.
- Planned use of force versus spontaneous use of force.
- Legal caution given to a prisoner prior to use of force.
- Types of less-lethal force.
- Regulation 119B and when to use it.
- Medical considerations when using force.
- Physical and psychological effects when using non-lethal force.
- Debrief process.
- Use of force reporting and timeframes.
- physical and psychological impacts of pepper spray.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Rauemi | Resources

Legislation relevant to this skill standard may include but is not limited to:

- Department of Corrections. (n.d.). *Policy and legislation*. New Zealand Department of Corrections. Available at https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/policy_and_legislation
- Department of Corrections. (n.d.). *Prison Operations Manual*. New Zealand Department of Corrections. Available at https://www.corrections.govt.nz/resources/policy_and_legislation/Prison-Operations-Manual
- New Zealand Legislation. (2004). *Corrections Act 2004* (No. 50). New Zealand Government. Available at <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2004/0050/latest/DLM294849.html>
- New Zealand Legislation. (2005). *Corrections (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Regulations 2005* (SR 2005/53). New Zealand Government. Available at <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2005/0053/latest/DLM315417.html>
- New Zealand Legislation. (2015). *Health and Safety at Work Act 2015* (No. 70). New Zealand Government. Available at <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2015/0070/latest/DLM5976660.html>
- Young, A. (n.d.). *Prison policy, prison regime, and prisoners' rights in New Zealand*. Human Rights Commission. Available at https://hrc-nz-resources.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/files/6414/2550/8365/Young_year_-_Prison_policy_prison_regime_and_prisoners_rights_in_NZ.pdf

And any subsequent amendments or replacements.

Pārongo Whakaū Kouna | Quality assurance information

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Ko te tohutoro ki ngā Whakaritenga i te Whakamanatanga me te Whakaōritenga CMR	121 www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/results.do

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