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Release of training products – DFES1027 Burn Planner (Simple) and DFES1028

Burn Controller (Simple)

The Bushfire Centre of Excellence has concluded development of the Burn Planner (Simple) and Burn Controller (Simple) training products. A targeted implementation process is being planned, to initially upskill DFES staff with an active role in bushfire risk management.

Burn Planner (Simple) is targeted at personnel writing burn plans for simple burns. Within DFES, a simple planned burn is defined as an area of less than five hectares, with a single fuel type and terrain. A simple burn is generally completed in a single shift, excluding patrols.

Burn Controller (Simple) is targeted at personnel undertaking the role of burn controller for simple burns. Burn Planner (Simple) is a pre-requisite for this course, with the assessment being completed post-course at an actual planned burn under the guidance of a local mentor.

Initially, two courses will be delivered per annum centrally at the BCoE for the first three years. The target audience will be DFES staff with an active role in bushfire risk management. This approach allows centralised follow up of the post-course components (Burn Controller) and simplifies logistics and resourcing. It also allows a gradual buildup of a larger cohort to act as mentors within their local area.

A key need for this course is ensuring the standard of instruction remains high, as well as that those completing the course require the skillset for their role and have the means to undertake the relevant burns required for the Burn Controller assessment.

Each of these courses has been developed collaboratively through an advisory group from a range of backgrounds and agencies.

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