



## Bushfire Training for Local Governments

WALGA has been advised by DFES about some new Bushfire Training Products and information about how Local Government officers can become qualified DFES trainer assessors to deliver training locally.

### Bushfire Training Products

The DFES Rural Fire Awareness course is targeted at farmer response brigades and seasonal workers and provides students with a basic awareness of fireground safety, suppression strategies and maintaining their safety when operating on a fireground.

Bushfire Fundamentals has been developed to support those who undertake duties in supporting Incident Management Teams. This course can be offered to external agencies who undertake a role within the Incident Support Group. This product covers basics in AIIMS, IMT functions, basic fireground safety but excludes suppression techniques.

For more information on these courses, read the [DFES Circular](#), and see the [Bushfire Centre of Excellence Training Catalogue](#).

In the first instance, any requests for training should be sent through to your respective DFES regional office. If your Local Government is facing barriers accessing training for your Brigades, please let WALGA know and we will see if we can assist.

### Training Assessors

Across WA many volunteer brigade members and Local Government officers are qualified as DFES trainer assessors and deliver training locally.

In terms of the process for becoming a DFES trainer assessor, any applications are submitted through the relevant DFES region and the requirements include:

- Holding the competency, the trainer is seeking endorsement in (for example Bushfire Safety Awareness)
- Holding a relevant training qualification, which is:
  - DFES0612 Workplace Trainer Assessor OR
  - TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment OR
  - TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment AND TAEASS502A/TAEASS502B/TAEASS502 Design and develop assessment tools AND TAELLN401A/TAELLN411 Address adult language, literacy and numeracy skills
- Brigade, group or unit (BGU) support and endorsement of the application
- Regional endorsement of the application (CESM/AO/DO or similar)

Trainer assessor endorsement is open to anyone who meets the above criteria and has the support of their BGU/Local Government, and the DFES Region.

If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact WALGA's Resilient Communities Policy Manager, Susie Moir via phone 9213 2058 or email [smoir@walga.asn.au](mailto:smoir@walga.asn.au).