

# **Bush Fire Service Training Program**

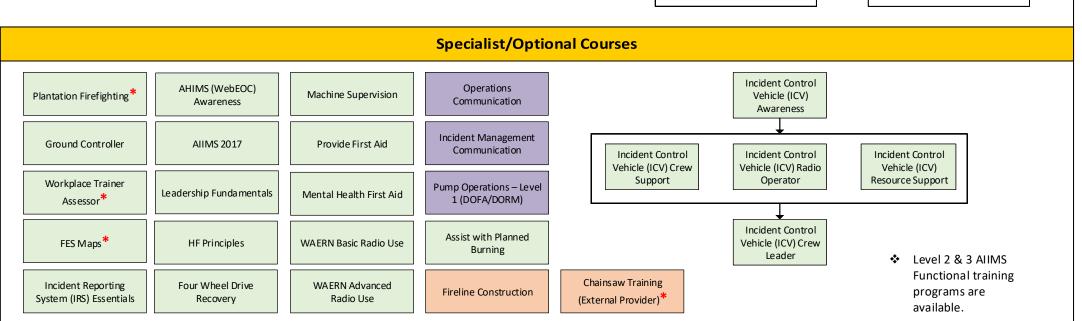
\* This diagram is to Local induction to be completed at Brigade/Local Government level. If be read in no local induction exists, the DFES Volunteer Firefighter Induction conjunction with may be used. the Training Program Implementation **BFS Bush Firefighter** Guide Key **Firefighting Skills Bushfire Safety Awareness AIIMS Awareness** Modules Introduction to Map Reading Bushfire Characteristics and Behaviour Recommended \* = Dependent on Introduction to Communications Bushfire Safety and Survival Brigade Role as defined by Brigade/Local Tools and Equipment Government Suppress Bush Fire Specialist Ropes and Ladders New Course Under Development Recommended minimum standard for all personnel at Crew Protection\* a bushfire or prescribed burn (support personnel) ↓ Pre-requisite As determined by Local Government Recommended minimum standard for all personnel undertaking bushfire suppression or prescribed burning activities **BFS Advanced Firefighter – Role Based** Structural Firefighter **Pump Operator Appliance Driver** Advanced Bush Firefighter Structural Firefighting On Road Driving Pump Operations Advanced Bush Firefighting Ropes and Ladders\* Off Road Driving Crew Leader Ŧ Breathing Apparatus\* **Emergency Driving** Sector Commander Internal Structural Firefighting **BFS Leadership Training Officer** Leadership Development Lieutenant Captain Fire Control Officer\* Workplace Trainer Mental Health First Aid Mental Health First Aid Mental Health First Aid Mental Health First Aid Assessor Leadership Fundamentals Leadership Fundamentals Leadership Fundamentals Sector Commander Sector Commander Sector Commander Sector Commander **AIIMS 2017 AIIMS 2017** Incident Controller **AIIMS 2017 AIIMS 2017** Level 1 Incident Controller Level 1 Incident Controller Level 1 Fire Control Officer



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Bush Firefighter Training Program

#### **Training Programs Principles**

Training Programs are a role-based training framework designed for progressive and safe training.

Training content is designed to be delivered in a flexible manner, either as a full course delivered over a weekend or, depending on the course, modularised and delivered over a timeframe that better suits the local environment.

A Training Program may include Training Streams related to specific response or capability roles, such as Pump Operator or Advanced Bush Firefighter. Within each Training Stream there are one or more required courses, which must be completed to complete that Training Stream. You may participate in more than one Training Stream simultaneously.

The Training Streams are designed to provide:

- Ease of targeting brigade profile requirements Be easy for Brigades, Local Governments and DFES Regions to target brigade training needs
- Flexibility Allow volunteers more flexibility in their training; and
- Choice Be easy to understand and complete.

You are encouraged to complete the Bush Firefighter Training Program and the Advanced Bush Firefighting Training Stream prior to enrolling on any of the BFB Leadership Training Stream courses.

# Training Programs Entry

You will automatically be enrolled on the Bush Firefighter Training Program, once you have completed a volunteer membership application and have a DFES volunteer number.

#### **Training Prerequisites**

DFES and the Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades WA acknowledge that it is better that volunteers complete the courses in the specified order; however, course cancellations do happen and can affect a volunteer's attempts to complete a Training Program or Training Stream.

Volunteers can complete courses within specific Training Streams out of the specified order, unless otherwise illustrated in the Training Program with an arrow.

# **Completion Requirements**

To complete the Bush Firefighter Training Program, you will need to complete all the courses listed on the Training Program.

#### Training Programs Progress – Next Steps

Once you have completed the Bush Firefighter Training Program Training Program, you will be automatically enrolled on the Advanced Firefighter Training Program.

#### **Associated Roles**

When you have completed this Training Program, you will have the skills and competencies required to be present on the fire ground under supervision.

#### **Recommended Timeframe**

It is up to your Local Government to establish the requirements that apply to your brigade. DFES recommends that volunteers complete the Bush Firefighter Training Program in three (3) to eighteen (18) months.

Brigades/Local Governments may specify other rules and regulations around the timeframe to complete training, depending on your circumstance.

#### Recognition

Contact the Academy at <u>academy@dfes.wa.gov.au</u> for further details if you would like to enquire about the Recognition of Current Competencies (RCC) process. This process may be used to recognise your existing skills, knowledge and experience in a course.

# **Additional Approvals**

Training course applications can be submitted via eAcademy or through your Local Government.

In addition to your Brigade Supervisor, applications need to be approved by:

• The applicable Local Government manager for your Brigade (nominally your Local Government's Training Coordinator, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or Community Emergency Services Manager).

# **Training Program Changes/Review**

The nominated Training Program Manager, in consultation with the Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades WA, reviews this Training Program annually.

Changes to the Training Programs and Training Streams will be incorporated in the transition notes below. Enrolled students will be notified if action is required.

# **Current Training Program Contacts**

The Training Program Owner is Superintendent Training, Bushfire Centre of Excellence.

Questions regarding this Training Program can be directed to the Training Program Manager, District Officer Training Delivery, Bushfire Centre of Excellence.

# Training Program Consultation Stakeholder Groups

Major changes to this Training Program will only be finalised after documented consultation with the following stakeholder groups;

- Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades WA Executive Committee
- Volunteer BFB Training Advisory Group
- Training Programs Review Committee

#### **Transition Notes**

Change	Date
All personnel who are in progress on or have completed VFF1 will be	July 2019
placed on the BFB Bush Firefighter Training Program.	

#### **Amendment Table**

Change	Date
Initial release	December 2018
Revision – eAcademy Support Team	August 2019
Update to reflect entry point	November 2019
Update - Change of order to Bushfire Safety Awareness Modules	February 2021
Update - Change to Training Program Owner and Manager	February 2021





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# Advanced Firefighter – Role Based Training Program

# **Training Programs Principles**

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A Training Program may include Training Streams related to specific response roles or capability roles, such as Pump Operator or Advanced Bush Firefighter. Within each Training Stream there are one or more required courses, which must be completed to complete that Training Stream. You may participate in more than one Training Stream simultaneously.

The Training Streams are designed to provide:

- Ease of targeting brigade profile requirements Be easy for Brigades, Local Governments and DFES Regions to target brigade training needs
- Flexibility Allow volunteers more flexibility in their training; and
- Choice Be easy to understand and complete.

You are encouraged to complete the Bush Firefighter Training Program and the Advanced Bush Firefighting Training Stream prior to enrolling on any of the Leadership Training Stream courses.

#### Training Programs Entry

You will automatically be enrolled on the Advanced Firefighter Training Program upon your completion of the Bush Firefighter Training Program.

#### **Training Prerequisites**

DFES and the Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades WA acknowledge that it is better that volunteers complete the courses in the specified order; however, course cancellations do happen and can affect a volunteer's attempts to complete a Training Program or Training Stream.

Volunteers can complete courses within specific Training Streams out of the specified order, unless otherwise illustrated in the Training Program with an arrow.

# **Completion Requirements**

To complete the Advanced Firefighter – Role Based Training Program, you will need to complete all the courses listed on the applicable Training Stream/s relevant to your role.

#### **Training Programs Progress – Next Steps**

You can apply for the Leadership Training Program upon your enrolment on the Advanced Firefighter Training Program.

#### **Associated Roles**

When you have completed this Training Program, you will have the skills and competencies required to be present on the fire ground with limited supervision.

#### **Recommended Timeframe**

It is up to your Local Government to establish the requirements that apply to your brigade. DFES recommends that volunteers complete each Training Stream within the Advanced Firefighter – Role Based Training Program in up to two (2) years.

Brigades/Local Governments may specify other rules and regulations around the timeframe to complete training, depending on your circumstance.

#### Recognition

Contact the Academy at <u>academy@dfes.wa.gov.au</u> for further details if you would like to enquire about the Recognition of Current Competencies (RCC) process. This process may be used to recognise your existing skills, knowledge and experience in a course.

# **Additional Approvals**

Training Course applications can be submitted via eAcademy or through your Local Government.

In addition to your Brigade Supervisor, applications need to be approved by:

• The applicable Local Government manager for your Brigade (nominally your Local Government's Training Coordinator, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or Community Emergency Services Manager).

# **Training Program Changes/Review**

The nominated Training Program Manager, in consultation with the Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades WA, reviews this Training Program annually.

Changes to the Training Programs and Training Streams will be incorporated in the transition notes below and enrolled students will be notified if action is required.

# **Current Training Program Contacts**

The Training Program Owner is Superintendent Training, Bushfire Centre of Excellence.

Questions regarding this Training Program can be directed to the Training Program Manager – District Officer Training Delivery, Bushfire Centre of Excellence.

# **Training Program Consultation Stakeholder Groups**

Major changes to this Training Program will only be finalised after documented consultation with the following stakeholder groups;

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- Volunteer BFB Training Advisory Group
- Training Programs Review Committee

# **Transition Notes**

Change	Date
All personnel who are progressing on or have VFF2 Pathway will be placed on the Advanced Firefighter Training Program.	July 2019
All personnel who are progressing on or have VFF3 Pathway will be placed on the Advanced Firefighter Training Program.	July 2019
All personnel who are progressing on or have VFF4 Pathway will be placed on the Advanced Firefighter Training Program.	July 2019
All personnel who are progressing on or have VFF5 Pathway will be placed on the Advanced Firefighter Training Program.	July 2019

#### **Amendment Table**

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Leadership Training Program

# **Training Program Principles**

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These Training Streams are designed to provide:

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- Flexibility
   Allow volunteers more flexibility in their training; and

  Choice
- Choice Be easy to understand and complete.

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# Training Program Entry

You must apply to be enrolled on the BFS Leadership Training Program. Approval from your Brigade Captain or Training Manager, and a relevant District Officer, Area Officer or Community Emergency Services Manager (DFES Staff) is required.

You will be notified via email when your Training Program application is approved and confirmed. The Training Program and associated Training Streams will then appear on your eAcademy record.

# Training Prerequisites

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DFES and the Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades WA acknowledge that it is better that you complete training courses in the specified order; however, it is understood that course cancellations do happen and can affect your attempts to complete a Training Program or Training Stream.

You can complete courses within Training Streams out of the specified order, unless otherwise illustrated in the Training Program Diagram with an arrow.

# **Completion Requirements**

To complete the Leadership Training Program, you will need to complete all the courses listed on the applicable Training Stream/s relevant to your role.

#### **Associated Roles**

When you have completed this training, you will have the skills and competencies required to perform the BFB Officer (Role Specific) role.

#### **Recommended Timeframe**

It is up to your Local Government to establish the requirements that apply to your brigade. DFES recommends that volunteers complete each Leadership Training Stream within three (3) years.

Brigades/Local Governments may specify other rules and regulations around the timeframe to complete training, depending on your particular circumstances.

#### Recognition

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# **Additional Approvals**

Training Program and Training Course applications can be submitted via eAcademy or through your Local Government.

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# **Training Program Changes/Review**

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- Volunteer BFB Training and Advisory Group
- Training Program Review Committee

#### **Transition Notes**

Change	Date
All personnel who are in progress on or have completed VFF6 Pathway will	July 2019
be placed on the Leadership Training Program.	

#### **Amendment Table**

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