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NATIONAL RURAL FIRE AUTHORITY CIRCULAR 2010/12

New NRFA Minimum National Standards Effective 1 July 2010

- **Assessing Fire Hazards**
- **Achieving Timely Responses to Fires**

Purpose

The purpose of this NRFA Circular is to issue the following two new NRFA National Minimum Standards:

1. Assessing Fire Hazards; and
2. Achieving Timely Responses to Fires.

Background

During 2009, the NRFA commenced the development of the final two NRFA Minimum Standards required by the Fire Service Amendment Act 2005.

The draft Standards were presented at the June 2009 meeting of the National Rural Fire Stakeholders Group, then underwent two rounds of sector consultation during June 2009 and October 2009. A further round of feedback involving the respondents to the second round of consultation took place in February 2010.

The NRFA would like to thank the considerable number of stakeholders who provided input and feedback during the development of the Standards.

Important dates to note

The table below lists important date to note, with regards to the two new minimum NRFA national Standards:

- a) Assessing Fire Hazards:

Condition	Date
Effective date of this Standard	1 July 2010
Fire Authorities should aim to achieve compliance with the Requirements of the Standard by	July 2013

b) Achieving Timely Response to Fires:

Condition	Date
Effective date of this Standard	1 July 2010
Fire Authorities begin reporting of incidents	October 2010
Fire Authorities should aim to achieve compliance with Requirements 2 to 5 of the Standard (refer to section 2.3) by	October 2011
Fire Authorities should aim to achieve compliance with Requirement 1 of the Standard (refer to section 2.3) by	July 2013



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