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## New Training Products – Rural Fire Awareness and Bushfire Fundamentals

Two new training products have been released by the Bushfire Centre of Excellence.

Rural Fire Awareness 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.

Each course can be delivered in approximately 6 hours and includes a short assessment. Please note that these courses are not intended to replace the existing Bushfire Safety Awareness and Firefighting Skills training products, which will continue to be the recommended minimum standard for Bush Fire Brigades with an LGGS-funded appliance.

An implementation plan has been developed and all endorsed trainers in the Bushfire Safety Awareness training product will automatically have the Rural Fire Awareness training product credited to their training profile in eAcademy.

DFES staff that are endorsed in the Bushfire Safety Awareness training product will also be credited with endorsement in Bushfire Fundamentals. Any other trainer assessors in Bushfire Safety Awareness can seek endorsement in Bushfire Fundamentals through the existing process.

A short handover video will be emailed to trainers.

For more information contact us at <u>BushfireCoE@dfes.wa.gov.au</u>.

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