

Certificate in Resiliency

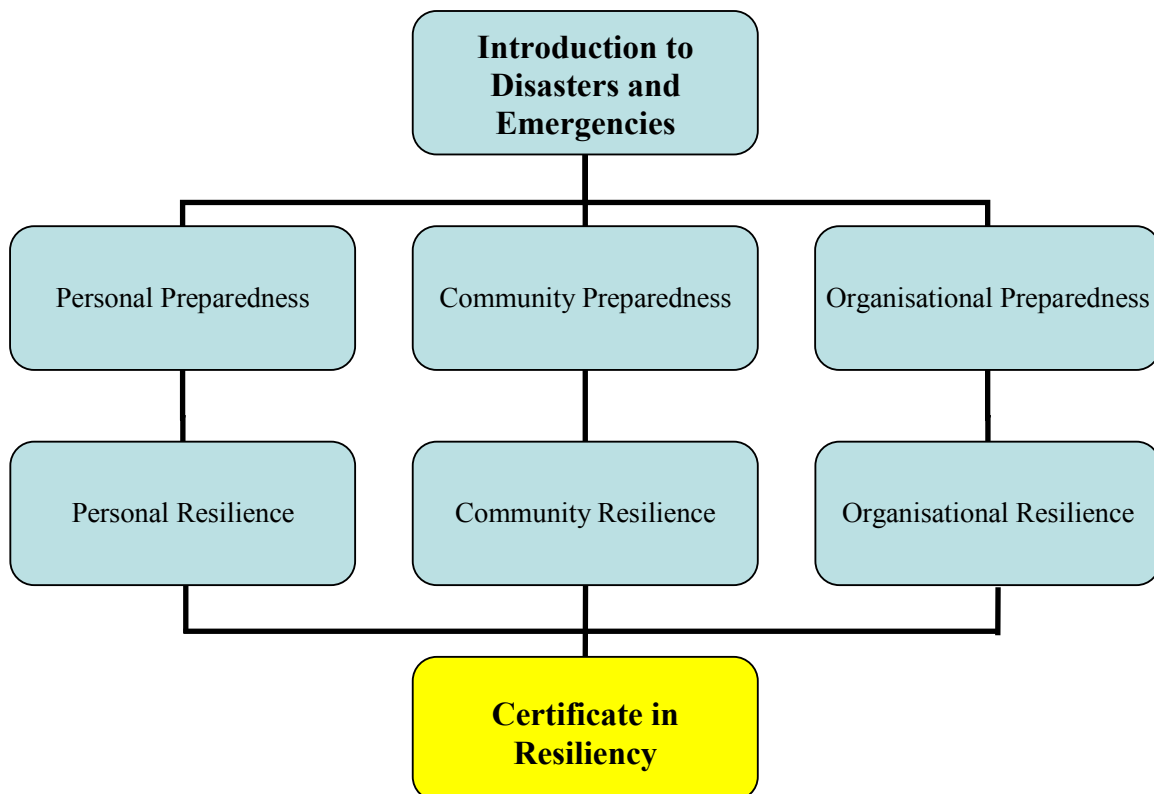
The NZRT Certificate in Resiliency is comprised of three parts. Part One is “Introduction to Disasters and Emergencies” – a generic foundation course that outlines the ‘big picture’ of New Zealand’s hazardscape, the Civil Defence network, and touches on personal, community, and organisational preparedness.

Parts Two and Three consist of three papers each, from which the learner has a choice of one. Part Two deals in depth with preparedness and Part Three with the more advanced topic of resilience. By completing Parts One, Two, and Three the participant will receive the NZRT Certificate of Resiliency.

The Certificate in Resiliency is designed to break down preconceived perceptions about disasters in general, how prepared New Zealand and New Zealanders really are, what support there is locally and nationally, and how to become more self-reliant. It also introduces the concept of resilience to the participant.

People with most to benefit from achieving the Certificate in Resiliency are those who are most at risk in a disaster (elderly, single parents with young children, people with disabilities), employees of NGOs who deal with vulnerable people, small business owners/managers, residents’ association committee members, anyone who wants a career in emergency management or community development.

In addition all people who join an NZRT volunteer programme (e.g. Community Ambulance) must complete the Certificate in Resiliency.



Part One - Introduction to Disasters and Emergencies

Course length: 7 hours (4 hours class, 3 hours project).

Perquisites: None.

Requirements: Self-directed study project.

Course cost: Free.

Course outline: This course is designed to provide an objective perspective of disasters and emergencies. The only experience many people have of this phenomenon is through the media or by word-of-mouth. This course sets out to break down misconceptions and provide accurate information on the subject.

Course outcomes: At the end of the this course the participant will be able to define the terms 'disaster' and 'emergency', will have a good understanding of New Zealand's Civil Defence network and emergency services, will have prepared a home emergency plan.

Further study: Participants will be encouraged to enrol in Part Two of the Certificate in Resiliency.



Part Two – Personal/Community/Organisational Preparedness

Course length: 7 hours (4 hours class, 3 hours project).

Perquisites: Must have completed Introduction to Disasters and Emergencies.

Requirements: Self-directed study project.

Course cost: Free.

Course outline: This course is designed to assist participants to prepare for disaster. There are three options: personal preparedness; community preparedness; and organisational preparedness.

Course outcomes: At the completion of the this course the participant will be able to define the term 'preparedness', will have put together their own personal survival kit, and will have completed the following depending upon their chosen course of study:

Personal - a comprehensive personal emergency plan;

Community - a report on local hazards and preparedness;

Organisational - a basic continuity plan for their organisation.

Further study: Participants will be encouraged to enrol in Part Three of the Certificate in Resiliency.



Part Three – Personal/Community/Organisational Resilience

Course length: 14 hours (8 hours class, 6 hours project).

Perquisites: Introduction to Disasters and Emergencies and Personal, Community, or Organisational Preparedness.

Requirements: Self-directed study project.

Course cost: Free.

Course outline: This course is designed to assist participants to understand the importance and implications of resilience. There are three options: personal resilience; community resilience; and organisational resilience.

Course outcomes: At the completion of the this course the participant will be able to define the terms 'resilience' and 'community development', will have participated in activities to test resilience, and will have completed the following depending upon their chosen course of study:

Personal - a case study on personal resilience;

Community - a case study on community resilience;

Organisational - a case study organisation resilience.

Further study: On completion of this course participants will receive the NZRT Certificate in Resiliency, and be encouraged to undertake further study in emergency management, social services, or community development.

