
4.0 Scope of Practice *Reference: NZS 8156:2008; NZFSC The New Zealand Co-ordinated Incident Management System (CIMS)*

4.1 Shared qualification requirements (for all officers staffing ambulance)

- NZQA 6400, 6401, 6402 (Basic First Aid)
- NZQA 497 (Protect Health & Safety in the Workplace)
- NZQA 23692 (CDEM Standard Operational Procedures for Driving)
- CIMS level 2
- NZRT Ambulance Practice Certificate¹

4.2 BLS First Responder²

- NZQA 14470, 14471, 14472, 14473 (Pre-Hospital Emergency Care)
- NZQA 3462, 3465, 3466 (Advanced Driving)
- NZRT Introduction to Disasters and Preparedness course
- NZRT Advanced Personal Preparedness course
- NZRT Operate an Emergency Vehicle course

4.3 BLS Paramedic

- National Certificate in Ambulance (Patient Care and Transport)³
- NZRT Certificate in Resiliency
- CIMS level 4

4.4 Ambulance Observer (usually a trainee BLS First Responder)⁴

- NZQA 6400, 6401, 6402 (Basic First Aid)
- NZRT Introduction to Disasters and Preparedness course

¹ An NZRT Ambulance Practice Certificate must be issued before any person may work as an ambulance officer, and must be reviewed and re-issued annually

² BLS First Responders are not be permitted to operate an ambulance in motion under lights and sirens

³ Or equivalent course as specified by NZS 8156:2008

⁴ Ambulance observers are not allowed to undertake driving or clinical practice duties except in dire emergency