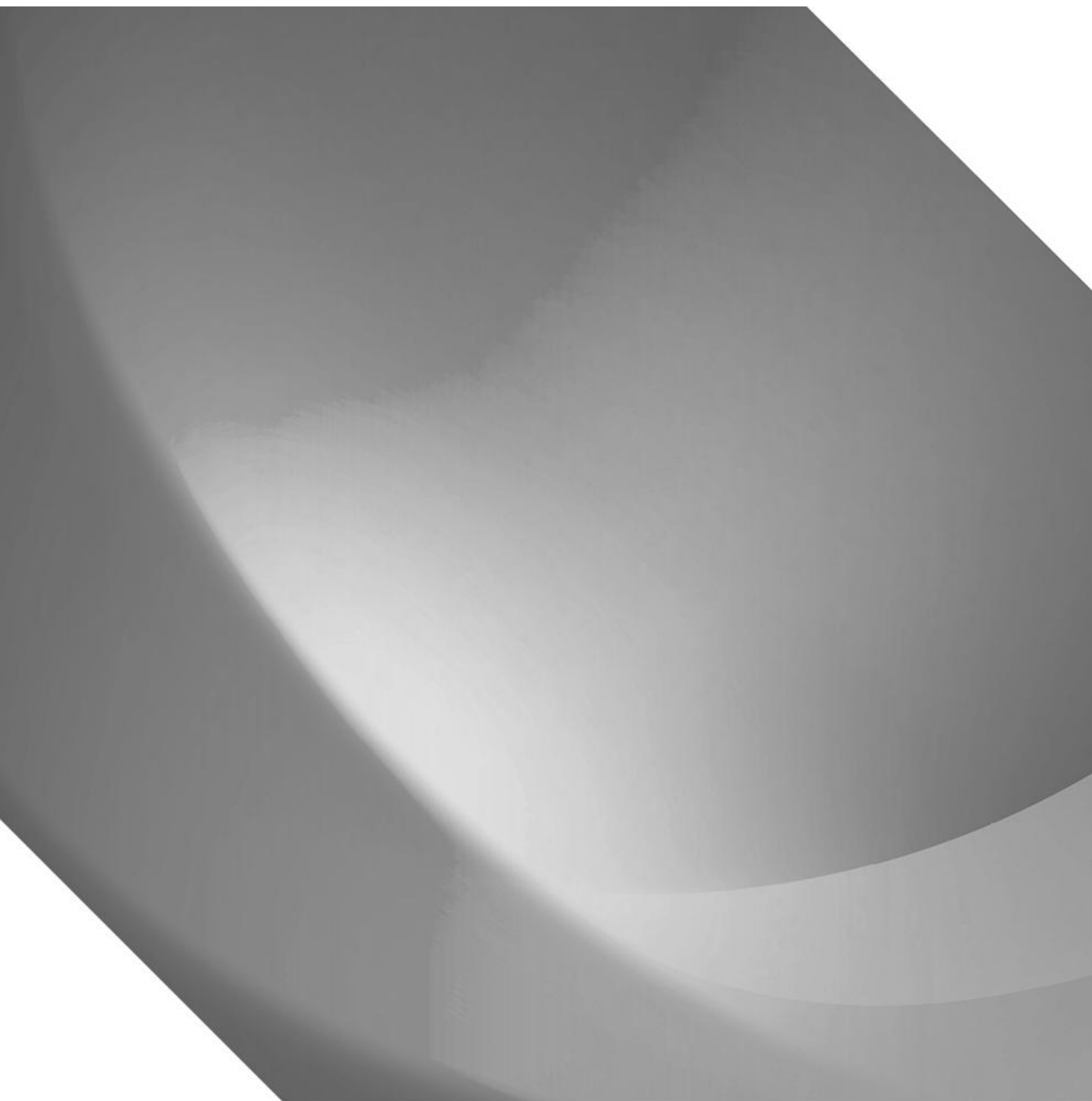


# Framework for the competence of rescue and fire fighting service (RFFS) personnel: Consultation comment and response document

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# Introduction

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Following a comprehensive review of CAP 699 - Framework for the competence of rescue and fire fighting service personnel - we carried out a short consultation in October and November 2016 to seek views from industry on a draft of CAP699.

We had previously consulted with Industry following changes to RFFS training brought about by the introduction of EU Aerodrome Regulation (Commission Regulation (EU) No. 139/2014) communicated in IN-2014/133. This showed a strong desire by Industry to retain CAP 699 as guidance material for Aerodrome RFFS personnel, but to bring it up to date.

We invited review of the draft CAP 699 and welcomed your comments on:

- Chapter 1 – Establishing a training and proficiency check programme, and comment as required
- Chapter 2 – Managing a training and proficiency check programme and comment as required
- Chapter 3 – Do the core and role related units detailed in the Firefighter framework adequately cover the requirements of CAP 168 & EASA?

This document includes the comments received and the outcome.

Edition 3 of CAP 699, published in January 2017, is available online:

[www.caa.co.uk/CAP699](http://www.caa.co.uk/CAP699)

## Consultation response summary

Organisation	Reference	Comments	Outcome
Anonymous	Page 55, P13	Change only for correctly	Agreed, change made
Exeter	Page 49, P4-P9	Very difficult to achieve for Firefighter role	Clarity added to unit overview to provide guidance to aerodromes (page 48)
Exeter	Page 72, P11	Unachievable for an aerodrome that does not have HRET	'Where applicable' added to unit overview (page 72)
Exeter	Page 74, P4-9	Not relevant for aerodromes that do not have equipment	Not agreed, all aerodromes will have ladders which would fall into this criteria
Exeter	Page 87, P2 onwards	Not relevant for aerodromes that do not have equipment	Not agreed, the unit sits in role related and the target group identifies water rescue level 1
MAG	Page 23, 1.5	No requirement to utilise the 'D' development key	Clarity added to description to show that this can be utilised by the aerodrome as required (Page 23)
MAG	Page 27, 1.15	'Effort' in the frequency analysis is unnecessary as it has no bearing on the outcome	Agreed – removed (page 27)
MAG	Page 33, 2.2	'Should' at the end of line 4 should be changed	Agreed, Should changed to 'may' (page 33)

Organisation	Reference	Comments	Outcome
MAG	Chapter 3	Seek recognised qualification for CAP 699	Not agreed – This would have to be implemented by the aerodrome in consultation with an awarding body
MAG	Chapter 3	'Will' used in paragraphs needs to be changed to 'should'	Reviewed chapter 3 and made changes where appropriate to context
Heathrow	Chapter 1, page 27, para 1.15	Remove typical and would	Agreed- Changes made (page 27)
Heathrow	Chapter 1, page 28, para 1.22	Remove set out	Agreed- changes made (page 28)
Heathrow	Chapter 2, pages 36, 38 & 39, paras 2.19, 2.28, 2.35	Add 'their', add 'aerodrome', remove shall and will	Agreed- changes made (pages 36, 38, 39))
Heathrow	Chapter 3	'Will' used in paragraphs needs to be changed to 'should'	Previously changed following feedback from MAG - Reviewed chapter 3 and made changes where appropriate to context
Heathrow	Page 9, revision history	To include 'the removal of the requirement to hold a certificate of competence	Agreed – change made (page 9)
Newcastle	Page 10-20 glossary of terms	Too long	Agreed – The glossary was reviewed and updated

Organisation	Reference	Comments	Outcome
Newcastle	Page 21	No guidance particularly for acquisition stage for using training providers	Disagree – There is no longer a requirement to use training providers for acquisition, the aerodrome operator may still use training providers or carry out in-house.
Newcastle	Page 25, 1.7	There is no scope for wildlife management or any other airfield safety matter to be mapped into the AFF units	Disagree – 699 serves as a framework for fire sector competence, additional activities carried out are for the aerodrome to scope.
Newcastle	Page 29, 1.29	What is meant by nominated assessors	Nominate means the assessor or assessors with the relevant skills / sector competence, who will conduct the assessment chosen by the aerodrome / training provider
Newcastle	Page 30, 1.38	Define interest in the learner	Agreed – Definition provided within 1.38
Newcastle	Page 33, 2.2	Replace 'type' with size regarding aircraft simulator	Disagree – The word type offers more flexibility
Newcastle	Whole document	'Will' used in paragraphs needs to be removed	Reviewed and made changes where appropriate to context
Defence Safety Authority	Page 86	You may wish to remove references to DFRMO	Agreed – reference removed including glossary

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Glasgow	Page 26, 1.9	Consideration to expanding the bullet for safe system of work	Agreed – ALARP principles added including glossary
Glasgow	Page 36, 2.19	Remove section regarding interests in the learners	Disagree – Existing text complies with EASA rules
Belfast	Chapter 3	References to 'will' should be removed	Agreed - Reviewed chapter 3 and made changes where appropriate to context
Belfast	Page 89	Add water rescue training should be completed to a national standard	This was a direct lift from the NOS which makes no reference to standards, this also provides flexibility to aerodrome operators / training providers
Edinburgh	Page 36, 2.22	Add CPD to assessor training to ensure standards are maintained	Agreed – Examples added (2.22)
Edinburgh	General comments	Various comments regarding difficulty in achieving some Firefighter units	Agreed – page 21, statement added regarding being able to utilise units that are applicable to the role maps, changes to AFF1 provide further detail on levels of call handling e.g. radio, alerters, omni crash, watch room and control centres



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			<p>HRET - 'Where applicable' added to unit overview (page 72)</p> <p>Working at height – as applicable to the equipment provided</p>
Edinburgh	General comments	Request to consider renumbering units to reflect NOS	Disagree – Numbering reflects removal of soft skills or the addition of new units.
Northfire	Glossary	Within the glossary there are a number of out dated terms	Agreed – The glossary was reviewed and updated
Northfire	General comments	CAP 699 is a copy and paste from the existing National Occupational Standards (NOS)	<p>Consultation with Industry confirmed a desire to retain CAP 699 but bring it up to date, where the NOS can be used without change we have endeavoured to leave it untouched, where changes are required to reflect aerodrome operations these are included.</p>

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Northfire	General comments	The removal of soft skills units from 699 makes the standards questionable	With the addition of core skill and role related units a decision was made to remove the soft skill units, most aerodromes have staff development and personal review programmes in place which in most cases supersedes the need to utilise these units
Northfire	Page 72, P11	Unachievable for an aerodrome that does not have HRET	'Where applicable' added to unit overview (page 72)