

# Operational Competence and Operational Preparedness Fire Standard review

## Introduction

Welcome to the consultation for the review of the [**Operational Competence and Operational Preparedness Fire Standards**](https://files.smartsurvey.io/3/0/4R7RTM2M/Fire_Standard__Operational_Competence_and_Operational_Preparedness_%282024_review%29_1.2_preconsultation.docx).

The **Operational Competence** and **Operational Preparedness** Fire Standards were amongst the first Fire Standards to be published back in February 2021. Since their publication, the Fire Standards Board have developed a total of [**nineteen Fire Standards**](https://www.firestandards.org/standards/approved/).

The Fire Standards Board have committed to the regular review of published Fire Standards to ensure that they remain appropriate for the benefit of the sector.

This consultation seeks to gather views about the proposed amendments to each Fire Standard as well as the impact on those organisations who will be expected to align to them. Some questions may only be relevant if you work for a fire and rescue service within England.

There is a save and continue function that can be used throughout the consultation so that you can return to your response later and pick up where you left off.  If you want to review the questions in advance of completion, you can view this pdf version: [**PDF Consultation question set**](https://files.smartsurvey.io/3/0/CTRJAMKU/Print_1679517.pdf)

If you have any questions about this consultation, please contact the **Fire Standards team**. Many thanks for taking the time to respond, your feedback is appreciated.

This consultation will close end of the day **Friday 30 May 2025**.

## Your details

### 1. Please select your Fire and Rescue Service:

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|      | Avon |
|      | Bedfordshire |
|      | Buckinghamshire |
|      | Cambridgeshire |
|      | Cheshire |
|      | Cleveland |
|      | Cornwall |
|      | County Durham and Darlington |
|      | Cumbria |
|      | Derbyshire |
|      | Devon and Somerset |
|      | Dorset and Wiltshire |
|      | East Sussex |
|      | Essex |
|      | Gloucestershire |
|      | Greater Manchester |
|      | Guernsey |
|      | Hampshire and Isle of Wight |
|      | Hereford and Worcester |
|      | Hertfordshire |
|      | Humberside |
|      | Isle of Man |
|      | Isles of Scilly |
|      | Jersey |
|      | Kent |
|      | Lancashire |
|      | Leicestershire |
|      | Lincolnshire |
|      | London Fire Brigade |
|      | Merseyside |
|      | Mid and West Wales |
|      | Norfolk |
|      | North Wales |
|      | North Yorkshire |
|      | Northamptonshire |
|      | Northern Ireland |
|      | Northumberland |
|      | Nottinghamshire |
|      | Oxfordshire |
|      | Royal Berkshire |
|      | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service |
|      | Shropshire |
|      | South Wales |
|      | South Yorkshire |
|      | Staffordshire |
|      | Suffolk |
|      | Surrey |
|      | Tyne and Wear |
|      | Warwickshire |
|      | West Midlands |
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### 4. Are you responding on behalf of your organisation or as an individual?

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### 5. Are you happy for us to contact you regarding your response to this consultation?

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|      | Yes |
|      | No |

## Operational Competence Fire Standard

The questions in this section are to gain your feedback on the changes made to the content of the **Operational Competence Fire Standard**. Changes made to the Fire Standard have been highlighted in red text.

### 6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****DESIRED OUTCOME**** section of the ****Operational Competence Fire Standard****?Please consider both the language and content of this section in your response

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### 7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****TO ACHIEVE THIS FIRE STANDARD**** section of the ****Operational Competence Fire Standard****?Please consider both the language and content of this section in your response

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### 8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****EXPECTED BENEFITS OF ACHIEVING THIS FIRE STANDARD**** section of the ****Operational Competence Fire Standard****?Please consider both the language and content of this section in your response

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|      | Disagree |
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### 9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND MANDATORY DUTIES**** section of the ****Operational Competence Fire Standard****?Please consider the content of this section in your response

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|      | Disagree |
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### 10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****LINKED QUALIFICATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS OR FIRE STANDARDS**** section of the ****Operational Competence Fire Standard****?Please consider the content of this section in your response

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### 11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****GUIDANCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**** section of the ****Operational Competence Fire Standard****?Please consider the content of this section in your response

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### 12. Please use this space to provide any other feedback you have on the changes made to the ****Operational Competence Fire Standard****.

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| **Thank you for providing your feedback on the suggested changes to the Operational Competence Fire Standard. We will now be asking you the same set of questions, however this time to gather your feedback on the changes to the Operational Preparedness Fire Standard.** |

## Operational Preparedness Fire Standard

The questions in this section are to gain your feedback on the changes made to the content of the **Operational Preparedness Fire Standard**. Changes made to the Fire Standard have been highlighted in red text.

### 13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****DESIRED OUTCOME**** section of the ****Operational Preparedness Fire Standard****?Please consider both the language and content of this section in your response

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### 14. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****TO ACHIEVE THIS FIRE STANDARD**** section of the ****Operational Preparedness Fire Standard****?Please consider both the language and content of this section in your response

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### 15. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****EXPECTED BENEFITS OF ACHIEVING THIS FIRE STANDARD**** section of the ****Operational Preparedness Fire Standard****?Please consider both the language and content of this section in your response

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|      | Agree |
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### 16. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****LINKED QUALIFICATIONS, ACCREDITATIONS OR FIRE STANDARDS**** section of the ****Operational Preparedness Fire Standard****?Please consider the content of this section in your response

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### 17. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the changes made to the ****GUIDANCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**** section of the ****Operational Preparedness Fire Standard****?Please consider the content of this section in your response

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|      | Agree |
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### 18. Please use this space to provide any other feedback you have on the changes made to the ****Operational Preparedness Fire Standard****.

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