

AFDRS INTRODUCTORY TRAINING

Further Information for Stakeholder Groups

Group	Local brigades
Description	Volunteer or other brigades

What to be aware of

- Be aware that the **triggers and conditions** under which certain regulatory activities are undertaken have changed to align them to new AFDRS Fire Danger Ratings or Fire Behaviour Index values. For example, this may impact:
 - Issuing of fire permits
 - Issuing of total fire bans
 - Harvesting guidelines
 - Vehicle movement bans
 - Use of open fireworks
 - Use of incinerators, explosives, blasting
 - Machinery operations and restrictions
 - Using of equipment and appliances
- If your job involves **regulating such activities**, it is essential for you to become familiar with how your state or territory, and/or organisation's policies and procedures have changed. Seek advice from your supervisors.
- If you are a part of the network of **grass field observers**, be aware of how to use the AFDRS Fuel State Editor (FSE) to add field observations. See below.
- The way that **prescribed burning or fire suppression** activities in rural areas is undertaken will be influenced by the new Fire Behaviour Index. Your organisations guidelines and procedures have most likely been updated to align to the AFDRS.
- The new Fire Behaviour Index has been designed to aid fire operational decision making with embedded implications for fire behaviour, prescribed burning and fire suppression activities.

Recommended Further Learning

- Complete the [AFDRS Introductory eLearning Course](#).
- Download the new Fire Danger Ratings [Community Messaging Framework](#) and understand the calls to action.
- Consider doing the [AFDRS Intermediate eLearning Course](#) which covers applying the AFDRS and especially the FBI and products. Alternatively:
 - The [FBI Quick Guides](#) are a great tool for understanding how to use the FBI.
 - If you are a grass field observer, or use the Fire Behaviour Index often, it is recommended you study the [FSE Self-Learning Guide](#).