

Seasonal Forest and Fire Operations Officer - Rappel (formerly Project Firefighter - Rappel) - Position Summary

Field Staff - Band 2 (\$57,822 to \$65,221 - subject to skills and experience)

A Seasonal Forest and Fire Operations Officer - Rappel (SFFOO - Rappel) are required to perform specialist roles deploying from helicopters in remote locations to undertake bushfire suppression and works as part of a team to deliver bushfire response and land management activities on public land across Victoria. The role is part of the Forest Fire Management Victoria workforce and assists in protecting the Victorian community from bushfire and other emergencies.

The role is to be ready to respond to bushfires in forested areas such as State Forests and National Parks. Activities include making sure equipment is ready and working in a team to stop bushfires from spreading. Teams of firefighters can be sent to other areas of the state for up to a week to assist with bushfire response or planned burning. At times SFFOOs assist with other types of emergencies such as flood and storm response.

Role Responsibilities

Fire and Emergency Management

- Participate in activities that require descending down ropes or stepping from hovering helicopters and working in remote un-serviced locations.
- Use of chainsaws, pumps, 4WDs and other equipment
- Use of map reading, orientation and navigation skills
- Other emergency response activities

Forest Management Activities

- Road and track construction and maintenance
- Weed control
- Brush cutting / mowing / slashing
- Basic maintenance of campgrounds & recreation sites
- Field data collection

Collaboration and system use

- Work as a team with colleagues
- Complete administrative tasks associated with field operations work

Compliance with Policies and Procedures

- Conduct all work with safety as the priority
- Practice cultural safety and ensure people feel safe and free from discrimination and racism
- Adhere to Occupational Health & Safety requirements

Selection Criteria

Teamwork

- Build trust and rapport with others
- Cooperate and work with others to achieve team goals
- Share information and acknowledge the efforts of others
- Step in to help others where required

Resilience

- Maintain a positive attitude and deliver quality work in dynamic situations
- Be open to new ideas, approaches and feedback
- Ask questions; make suggestions; propose solutions
- Not give up easily
- Maintain discipline in completing assigned work
- Confident in working in remote bush locations

Communication

- Possess good written and verbal communication skills
- Convey accurate information to others using radios and other communication equipment
- Communicate content that is appropriate to the purpose and audience

Delivery

- Perform tasks in accordance with work plan
- Use approved tools to complete tasks
- Be open to acquiring and developing new skills and knowledge

Role Requirements

Experience and Qualifications

- Applicants are required to have one year of experience as a General or Wildland Firefighter
- Demonstrated recent
- The ability to gain and hold competencies and accreditations is required to maintain employment in this role

Mandatory Requirements

- Current manual drivers licence is required (Conditions A, I & V not acceptable for employment)
- Must meet medical and fitness requirement. [[DEECA medical and fitness assessment](#)]
- Maintain a maximum body weight of 95kg in overalls and boots
- Attain Departmental General Firefighter Accreditation (training provided)
- Australian Citizen, Permanent Resident or a valid work visa for the employment period
- Satisfactory pre-employment screening
- Further information on the Mandatory Requirements can be found here - [Seasonal Employment \(careers.vic.gov.au\)](#)

Further Information and a copy of the full position description: DEECA Customer Service Centre – 136 186

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