

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q1. When and where are the examinations held?**  
*Once a year, on the first Saturday of September. It is usually held at a local Fire Station.*
- Q2. How many units do I have to sit each year?**  
*You may sit up to three units; one from each group.*
- Q3. What is the cost to sit each unit?**  
*Fifteen dollars (\$15.00)*
- Q4. What incentives are there for volunteers to sit the exams?**  
*Like any other examinations, you gain knowledge. You will also gain qualifications on passing any 4 units (Associate Diploma), 7 units (Member Diploma) and all 9 units (Fellow Diploma). For **volunteer** firefighters, the NZFS will pay a study grant of \$250 upon the successful completion of **each qualification**. These payments are claimed from the NZFS on the standard claim form along with proof of the relevant qualifications.*
- Q5. Where can I find recommended study materials?**  
*See Recommended Reading at: <http://www.ufba.org.nz/nzfbj/exams/downloads.php>  
The above NZFBI webpage contains previous years' examination papers and updated (effective 2009) recommended readings. Many of the reading materials are available on Firenet (Manuals and Policies) and are therefore of current national standard. TAPS study guides also make good reading for some units.*
- Q6. Does NZFBI sell study guides?**  
*The NZFBI no longer sell study guides as outdated contents of old guides will cause confusion.*
- Q7. Who is eligible to sit the exams?**  
*Any member of any Brigade that is a member of the United Fire Brigades' Association.*
- Q8. Are the NZFS promotional examinations cross-accredited with NZFBI exam units?**  
*Yes. QFF – Unit 1, SFF – Units 1 & 5 and SO (A, B & C) – Units 1, 5, 6 & 7.*
- Q9. What is the cost of cross-accreditation?**  
*\$5.00 per unit.*
- Q10. Is TAPS or IFE Examinations recognized for cross-accreditation?**  
*No, but work is still ongoing in finding how TAPS recognition can be adopted.*
- Q11. My Brigade is interested in holding a Field Day. Who do I contact?**  
*Any current NZFBI council member. Contact details are available at:  
<http://www.ufba.org.nz/nzfbj/council.php>*
- Q12. Is there a guide to hosting a Field Day?**  
*Yes. Go to: <http://www.ufba.org.nz/nzfbj/fielddays.php>*