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The CPFPA is registered with the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries in terms of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act (No. 101 of 1998): No. 883/01

CPFPA MEMBER REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE

Fire Protection Associations are governed according to the rules of the National Veld and Forest Fire Act (No. 101 of 1998). In summary, the Act describes the duties and obligations that landowners must undertake in order to comply with the NVFFA legislation. Every owner on whose land a veldfire may start or burn or from whose land it may spread must comply with these requirements.

Equipment Requirement: Dependent on the size of the property, a landowner is required to have certain items of equipment. The CPFPA Rules classes these requirements into three categories, based on size parameters (1-10Ha; 10-100 Ha; 100 – 1000 Ha).

Personnel & protective clothing: As with the previous requirement, based on the same property size parameters, landowners require a certain recommended number of trained personnel to fight fires. It is recommended that the number of PPE/PPC is equal to the number of trained personnel designated to fight fire on the property, as without adequate protective clothing, personnel cannot be reasonably expected to fight fires. For personnel to fight fires, they should have received basic veldfire-fighting training.

Training: This is a prerequisite for all personnel who intend fighting fires.

Firebreaks: Firebreaks are required wherever the urban edge meets rural land. Every landowner on whose land a veldfire may start or burn from must prepare and maintain a firebreak on his side of the boundary between his land and adjoining land. No landowner within the Metro is allowed to use burning, hoeing or bulldozing to create or maintain firebreaks.

Invasive Alien Vegetation Removal, Management and Control

This forms an important preventative measure as invasive alien vegetation increases the fire intensity, fuel load and exhausts available firefighting resources. According to the CARA Act No 43 of 1983, as well as the NEMBA Act No 10 of 2004, landowners are obliged to clear invasive alien vegetation growing on their properties.



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Member Requirements

1. EQUIPMENT

The number of required equipment is dependent on the size of the property. The minimum requirements for each of the three categories (property sizes) are given in italics.

Property Size in Ha.	Fire Beaters	15l rucksack pumps	Rake Hoes	First Aid kit	Cell Phones	Trailer pump, >1000l	Bakkie sakkie fast reaction units – 500l capacity	Compliance	
								YES	NO
1-10 Ha	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	-	-		
11-100 Ha	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	-	-		
101-1000 Ha	<i>10</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		

2. PERSONNEL & PROTECTIVE CLOTHING REQUIRED /SIZE (Ha)

The number of items of protective equipment is dependent on the number of personnel fighting fires. The minimum requirements for each of the three categories (property sizes) are given in italics.

Size in Ha.	Fire fighters	Crew leader	Fire Boss	Fire protective clothing (= number of personnel)					Compliance	
				Cotton overalls	Cotton t-shirts	Leather boots	Flashhood/Scarf & Goggles	Pair of gloves	YES	NO
1-10 Ha	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	-	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>		
11-100 Ha	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	-	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>		
101-1000 Ha	<i>9</i>	<i>1</i>	-	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>		

3. TRAINING

	Compliance	
	YES	NO
Do personnel have training in a basic firefighting course by a component Training Institution or previous practical experience in veld fire-fighting?		
Do trained persons have the minimum safety equipment and protective clothing to be used during firefighting?		

4. FIREBREAKS

	Compliance	
	YES	NO
Creation of firebreaks and must comply with the prescriptions of the firebreaks in the approved veldfire management strategy for their property.		
Maintenance of firebreaks between Sept. – Nov. annually.		
Compliance with the Regulation of Chapter 4, of the National Veld & Forest Fire Act.		
Firebreaks prepared by any method except burning, hoeing and bulldozing.		

5. FIRE SUPPRESSION MEASURES

Does the landowner have the necessary personnel on site to fight fires and prevent the spread of the fire to any neighboring property?
Yes / No

6. INVASIVE ALIEN CLEARING

Is invasive alien vegetation being cleared or is this function being negated?
Has progress been achieved since the last APO was drafted?