

How do I join?

To make an application to join you should contact your local rural fire brigade. If you are not sure where your closest brigade is located or if you would like more information email us at volunteer@rfs.nsw.gov.au

Contact details



For more information about the NSW RFS
visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

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make a difference
**volunteer with the
NSW Rural Fire Service**

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About the NSW Rural Fire Service

When you join the NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), you're joining the world's largest volunteer fire service – a team of more than 70,000 hard working, professional and dedicated volunteers in communities right across New South Wales.

Volunteers have been protecting local communities from bush and grass fires for more than 100 years. Today, our volunteers attend a range of emergencies like bush and grass fires, house and structure fires, road accidents as well as provide assistance at other events like floods, storms and searches.

Our volunteers are ready to respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round.



What role can I play?

NSW RFS volunteers are a familiar sight in local communities but there's more to it than just firefighting.

The NSW RFS relies on a team of dedicated men and women behind the scenes, filling important roles in areas such as:

- Administration
- Communications
- Catering
- Community Education
- Community Engagement
- Training
- Operational Logistics Support
- Welfare Support
- Equipment Maintenance.

No matter what your experience, there's a role for nearly everyone.

Volunteer protection

All members of the NSW RFS are protected from legal liability when fighting bush fires, or performing other authorised activities under the *Rural Fires Act 1997*. Additionally, all NSW RFS volunteers are covered by the *Workers Compensation (Bush Fire, Emergency & Rescue Services) Act 1987* for any injuries sustained while taking part in authorised brigade activities.



Why volunteer?

There are many reasons why people choose to join the NSW RFS.

Some want to protect their families, their friends, their assets, their community and their way of life.

For many, it's also about being part of a wonderful tradition and an organisation with a very proud history.

Volunteering also offers the opportunity to learn new and valuable skills that will not only assist you in your voluntary role but in day to day life and your workplace. It is also an opportunity to meet people you wouldn't normally meet.

Whatever your reasons, joining the NSW RFS is a great way to give back to your community, learn important life skills and develop friendships that can last a lifetime.

What you can expect from the NSW RFS?

The NSW RFS provides training and education opportunities to all members free of charge, giving you the knowledge and skills to work safely.

As a Registered Training Organisation, the NSW RFS offers nationally accredited qualifications, which means you can take those qualifications and use them in your day to day life.

The NSW RFS also has a number of flexible training options available for members, including manuals and workbooks that allow for the flexible delivery of training as well as some online options.

Once trained, your brigade will arrange the appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment required for your role.

The welfare of our members is important to us, and we have services in place that support our members and their families.