



Questions and answers on the Recovery Preparedness and Management Director's Guideline (DGL)

What is the purpose of the Recovery Preparedness and Management DGL?

The purpose of the DGL is to provide contextual information and practical guidance on preparing for and managing recovery. It supports Recovery Managers, Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Groups and local authorities understand recovery, and the arrangements they need to have in place before and after an emergency to support communities recover.

Does this DGL replace the Strategic Planning for Recovery DGL?

No, this DGL does not replace the Strategic Planning for Recovery DGL. CDEM Groups must still provide for strategic planning for recovery in their CDEM Group plans and the Strategic Planning for Recovery DGL describes how they can do this.

Does this DGL replace any other guidance?

Yes, this DGL supersedes the Recovery Management Director's Guidelines for CDEM Groups [DGL 4/05] and the Focus on Recovery: A Holistic Framework for Recovery in New Zealand Information for the CDEM Sector [IS 5/05].

Do CDEM Groups need to do anything to apply the DGL?

The *Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002* (CDEM Act 2002) specifies that CDEM Group plans must take account of Director's Guidelines. CDEM Groups need to consider the DGL to ensure they have appropriate recovery arrangements in place before and after an emergency. This includes ensuring operational recovery planning is completed. CDEM Groups also need to ensure they have suitable people available to carry out recovery planning and activities both before and after an emergency.

How is operational recovery planning different to strategic planning for recovery?

Strategic planning for recovery focuses on getting better at recovery by identifying where CDEM Groups are currently, where they want to be, and how they'll get there. Operational recovery planning is about planning how recovery will be managed. Figure 6 in Section 8 of the Recovery Preparedness and Management DGL illustrates

the linkages and differences between the two types of planning.

What support is available to embed the DGL?

The National Emergency Management Agency will lead workshops for recovery practitioners in 2020 focused on different parts of the DGL. Talk to your Regional Emergency Management Advisor if you would like other specific support.

Will the National Emergency Management Agency provide other tools?

The National Emergency Management Agency website has a Recovery Toolkit with templates, examples and factsheets that support different parts of the DGL. This is an evolving toolkit so refer back to it regularly to see new material.

Will there be any training for people working in recovery?

The National Emergency Management Agency will lead workshops for recovery practitioners in 2020 focusing on different parts of the DGL. An online Introduction to Recovery ITF course is available along with the Response and Recovery Leadership Development Programme (RRLP). A Recovery Practitioners Forum will also be established in 2020 that will provide further support and capability development opportunities.

Why doesn't the DGL include detailed information on the role and responsibility of agencies and organisations?

The roles and responsibilities of agencies, organisations and other groups are outlined in the *National CDEM Plan 2015* and *The Guide to the National CDEM Plan 2015*. Roles and responsible for recovery will be reviewed as part of the full review of the *National CDEM Plan 2015* and *The Guide to the National CDEM Plan 2015*. The DGL is helpful for agencies, organisations and groups involved in preparing for and managing recovery to understand the framework that CDEM Group and local authorities will apply in recovery.

Please contact your National Emergency Management Agency Regional Emergency Management Advisor if you have any additional questions or would like more information.