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# **CHCAOD406D Work with clients who are intoxicated**

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### **Modification History**

Not Applicable

### **Unit Descriptor**

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This unit describes the knowledge and skills required to work with alcohol and/or other drug affected clients in a range of settings including night patrols, detoxification/ withdrawal units and sobering up shelters

### **Application of the Unit**

#### **Application**

This unit applies to those working with clients with alcohol and other drugs (AOD) issues in the delivery of community services

### **Licensing/Regulatory Information**

Not Applicable

### **Pre-Requisites**

Not Applicable

## Employability Skills Information

### Employability Skills

This unit contains Employability Skills

### Related units

Depending on jurisdiction and job role, assessment of this unit of competency may be required in conjunction with:

- HLTF302B Apply first aid  
or
- HLTF402B Apply advanced first aid

## Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements define the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

The Performance Criteria specify the level of performance required to demonstrate achievement of the Element. Terms in italics are elaborated in the Range Statement.

## Elements and Performance Criteria

### ELEMENT

1. Provide a service to intoxicated clients

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

- 1.1 *Assess* level of intoxication and nature and extent of drug use according to organisation policy and procedure
- 1.2 Report behaviour or physical status inconsistent with alcohol and/or drug use to the appropriate person and/or seek assistance
- 1.3 Where necessary, provide first aid and seek assistance from a health professional
- 1.4 Provide client with a safe and secure environment in which to sober up
- 1.5 Monitor client's physical state regularly in accordance with organisation policies and procedures to ensure health and safety
- 1.6 Document services provided to client in accordance with organisation reporting requirements

<b>ELEMENT</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</b>
2. Assist client with longer term needs	<p>2.1 <i>Assist client with activities of daily living</i></p> <p>2.2 <i>Provide information as appropriate on alcohol and other drugs issues including services available</i></p> <p>2.3 <i>Contact families and/or support networks upon request of the client and in accordance with organisation policies</i></p> <p>2.4 <i>Assess client in accordance with organisation policy and procedure to determine if they represent a risk to themselves or others by leaving the facility</i></p>
3. Apply strategies to reduce harm or injury	<p>3.1 <i>Maintain calm and confident manner in contact with client</i></p> <p>3.2 <i>Conduct interactions with clients in a fair, just, humane and positive manner</i></p> <p>3.3 <i>Use strategies identified in <i>organisation response plan</i></i></p> <p>3.4 <i>Maintain safety of self and others</i></p> <p>3.5 <i>Provide services to client in a manner consistent with organisation infection control guidelines</i></p> <p>3.6 <i>Seek emergency assistance as required</i></p>

## Required Skills and Knowledge

### REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level required for this unit.

#### *Essential knowledge:*

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively do the task outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage the task and manage contingencies in the context of the identified work role

These include knowledge of:

- Alcohol and other drug use and symptoms

## REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Drugs around in the local community
- Protective/risk management strategies
- Strategies for dealing with aggressive clients
- Statutory and organisation requirements for dealing with clients affected by alcohol and other drugs
- Strategies for dealing with aggressive and potentially violent clients
- Other agencies and services provided
- Recent and relevant information on alcohol and other drugs issues
- Use of breath analysis equipment
- Concurrent medical illnesses which may mimic/mask withdrawal

### *Essential skills:*

It is critical that the candidate demonstrate the ability to:

- Demonstrate first aid certification or equivalent skills (as per unit *HLTFA301B Apply first aid*) including:
  - cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
  - bandaging
  - managing toxic substances
  - managing bleeding
  - managing broken bones
  - managing consciousness
  - managing choking and knowledge of coma positions
- Work with intoxicated clients in a manner that ensures personal safety and that of others
- Apply a non-judgemental approach to clients regardless of alcohol and/or other drug use

In addition, the candidate must be able to effectively do the task outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage the task and manage contingencies in the context of the identified work role

These include the ability to:

- Demonstrate the application of skills in:
  - conflict resolution
  - negotiation
  - self-protection
- Communicate with intoxicated people
- Maintain documentation as required, including effective use of relevant information technology in line with occupational health and safety (OHS) guidelines

# Evidence Guide

## EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria, Required Skills and Knowledge, the Range Statement and the Assessment Guidelines for this Training Package.

*Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate this unit of competency:*

- The individual being assessed must provide evidence of specified essential knowledge as well as skills
- Where work is undertaken with clients, assessment should include demonstration of competency on the job or in a workplace environment
- Competence in this unit must be assessed over a period of time in order to ensure consistency of performance across contexts applicable to the work environment
- Consistency in performance should consider the work environment, worker's role and responsibilities in the workplace

*Access and equity considerations:*

- All workers in community services should be aware of access, equity and human rights issues in relation to their own area of work
- All workers should develop their ability to work in a culturally diverse environment
- In recognition of particular issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, workers should be aware of cultural, historical and current issues impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Assessors and trainers must take into account relevant access and equity issues, in particular relating to factors impacting on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and communities

## EVIDENCE GUIDE

*Context of and specific resources for assessment:*

- Resources required for assessment include access to:
  - resources required for first aid certification or equivalent skills
  - an appropriate workplace environment where assessment can take place

*Method of assessment:*

- In cases where the learner does not have the opportunity to cover all relevant aspects in the work environment, the remainder should be assessed through realistic simulations, projects, previous relevant experience or oral questioning on 'What if?' scenarios
- Assessment of this unit of competence will usually include observation of processes and procedures, oral and/or written questioning on Essential knowledge and skills and consideration of required attitudes
- Where performance is not directly observed and/or is required to be demonstrated over a 'period of time' and/or in a 'number of locations', any evidence should be authenticated by colleagues, supervisors, clients or other appropriate persons

## Range Statement

### RANGE STATEMENT

The Range Statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Add any essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts.

**RANGE STATEMENT**

*Assess may include:*

- Immediate drug history
- Orientation to person, place, time
- Level of consciousness
- Breath analysis

*Behaviour or physical state inconsistent with alcohol and other drugs use may include:*

- Evidence of physical illness or injury
- Evidence of mental illness
- Behaviour inconsistent with drug use history obtained from client
- Assessment of personal risk to client

*Assist client with activities of daily living may include:*

- Helping the client with personal hygiene
- Providing the client with food and drink
- Assisting the client to travel home
- Transporting clients to a place of safety
- Discharge advice

*Provide information may include:*

- Contact information for other services e.g. other sobering-up services, withdrawal services
- Harm minimisation information

**Unit Sector(s)**

Not Applicable