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**Release: 1**

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## **Modification History**

**Release 1.** This is the first release of this unit of competency in the Public Safety Training Package.

## **Application**

This unit of competency involves the skills and knowledge required to undertake storm and water damage operations performed at height as a member of a response team. It informs the roles and responsibilities for those undertaking tasks performed at heights to mitigate damage caused by storm.

Height is defined by organisational policy and legislation that deals specifically with working at height.

The unit is applicable to members of emergency services organisations, roof repair services, emergency operators in the mining industry and rural and metropolitan firefighters.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

## **Pre-requisite Unit**

PUASES008 Undertake storm and water damage operations

## **Competency Field**

SES Sector

## **Unit Sector**

State/Territory Emergency Services

## **Elements and Performance Criteria**

### **ELEMENTS**

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

#### **1 Assess situation**

### **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

**1.1** Operation and task information is obtained through the

- command structure at the incident site
- 1.2 Scene reconnaissance is promptly conducted at height and the results are reported
  - 1.3 Hazards and environmental conditions are identified, risks are assessed, and control measures are implemented
- 2 Mitigate the effects of storm damage**
- 2.1 Safety systems for working at heights are identified, established and are used, in accordance with organisational procedures
  - 2.2 Equipment is selected based on incident information and is checked, in accordance with organisational procedures, to ensure it is ready for operational use
  - 2.3 Personal protective clothing and equipment is prepared and worn, as required
  - 2.4 Techniques are used to minimise further damage from water entry and to provide for safe access to and from buildings or structures, wherever possible
  - 2.5 Buildings or structures are temporarily repaired to make them safe, to minimise further damage and to provide for safe access to and from the property, as required
- 3 Complete operations**
- 3.1 Equipment is recovered, cleaned and serviced, in accordance with organisational procedures and manufacturers' guidelines, prior to standing down from the operation
  - 3.2 Signs and symptoms of operational stress in self and others is recognised and reported to relevant personnel
  - 3.3 Operational documentation is completed, in accordance with organisational procedures and standards

## Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

## Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work

environment.

Non-essential conditions may be found in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

## **Unit Mapping Information**

This unit replaces and is equivalent to PUASES013A Undertake storm and water damage operations performed at heights.

## **Links**

PUA Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide is found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=3eca5672-6d5a-410b-8942-810d0ba05bbf>