



Australian Government

Assessment Requirements for CHCAOD003 Provide needle and syringe services

Release: 1

Assessment Requirements for CHCAOD003 Provide needle and syringe services

Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	<p>This version was released in <i>CHC Community Services Training Package release 2.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages.</p> <p>Significant changes to elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment, including volume and frequency requirements. Significant change to knowledge evidence.</p>

Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be demonstrated evidence that the candidate has:

- provided clean needle and syringe services and education on safer drug use to at least 2 clients, including information on:
 - safer injecting
 - vein care
 - viral hepatitis
 - other blood borne virus transmission risks
 - testing
 - treatment and support information services

Knowledge Evidence

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 work role. This includes knowledge of:

- legal and ethical considerations (international, national, state/territory, local) in AOD work and how they are applied in organisations and individual practice:
 - children in the workplace
 - codes of conduct
 - codes of practice
 - discrimination

- dignity of risk
- duty of care
- human rights
- informed consent
- mandatory reporting
- practice standards
- privacy, confidentiality and disclosure, including limitations
- policy frameworks
- records management
- rights and responsibilities of workers, employers and clients
- specific AOD legislation
- work role boundaries – responsibilities and limitations
- work health and safety
- World Health Organisation's *Standard precautions* for health care, including:
 - personal and hand hygiene
 - use and scope of personal protective equipment guidelines
 - surface cleaning
 - sharps handling and disposal techniques
 - cleaning and sterilisation procedures for equipment
- public health benefits of needle and syringe programs
- features and safe use of injecting equipment
- needle stick injury procedures
- self-care procedures
- risks associated with injected drugs:
 - blood-borne viruses (BBV's)
 - sexually transmitted infections (STI's)
 - hepatitis C including transmission risks, testing, treatment and support information and services
 - strategies for self-protection including universal precautions
- current information on AOD issues, including:
 - drugs prevalence in the local community
 - information on meeting physical, emotional, financial and social needs
 - mental health, suicide and self-harm
 - harm minimisation strategies
- available support services and resources:
 - crisis and emergency contacts
 - available agencies and their scope of service, including:
 - self help groups
 - advocacy groups
 - resources on:

- dependency
- AOD issues for families or personal network

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - needles
 - syringes
 - disposable containers
 - water
 - single use tray
 - plastic gloves
 - body fluids clean up kit
 - safe disposal facilities
 - organisation policies and procedures
- modelling of industry operating conditions, including
 - involvement of people with whom the candidate can interact
 - scenarios that cater to a range of settings, including crisis situations

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e0c25cc-3d9d-4b43-80d3-bd22cc4fle53>