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Modification History

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

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 evidence that the candidate has:

- developed effective AAC strategies for at least 1 person with complex communication needs

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

- definitions of communication and different mechanisms people use to communicate
- how people with disabilities may communicate and how to facilitate/support their communication
- principles and practices of AAC
- basic AAC strategies and their correct use for the person's level of communication
- basic steps in the process for assessing an individual's needs for the use of AAC
- causes and conditions associated with communication impairment, including stroke and acquired brain injury (ABI)
- cross cultural communication protocols
- roles and functions of different professionals in the development, implementation and maintenance of AAC strategies and devices
- available range of communication aids and their correct use
- work role boundaries – responsibilities and limitations

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the disabilities workplace with the addition of simulations and scenarios where the full range of contexts and situations have not been provided in the workplace. These are situations relating to emergency or unplanned procedures where assessment in these circumstances would be unsafe, impractical or threatens the dignity of the person with disability. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- access to AAC devices
- access to individualised plans and any equipment outlined in the plan
- access to relevant organisation policies and procedures relating to AAC

The candidate must demonstrate their skills with at least 1 person with a communication disability.

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-bd22cc4f1e53