CHCEDU006 Improve clients’ fundamental financial literacy skills

# Modification History

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| 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 changes to the elements and performance criteria  New evidence requirements for assessment including volume and frequency requirements |

# Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to provide education for individual clients or groups to strengthen fundamental financial literacy skills in order to address identified needs, goals and priorities in relation to personal financial management.

This unit applies to workers in both health and community services sectors. Workers at this level will be part of a professional team and under the guidance of a supervisor.

Financial literacy education provides targeted information and resources to meet particular client needs.

Acquisition of financial literacy education competencies alone does not provide sufficient foundation to undertake complex financial literacy education or financial counselling.

Where financial issues have the potential to become complex, clients should be referred to a qualified financial counsellor.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice*.*

# Elements and Performance Criteria

| ELEMENT | PERFORMANCE CRITERIA |
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| Elements define the essential outcomes | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Assist client groups to understand the role of budgeting in personal financial management | 1.1 Explain the concept of budgeting in the lives of different clients  1.2 Explain the importance of effective budgeting to meet regular and irregular expenses and relate this to different stages of life  1.3 Explain the importance of setting financial goals and analyse in relation to client’s goals and priorities  1.4 Identify and address barriers that might prevent financial goals being achieved  1.5 Explain the types of behaviours and skills required for successful budgeting |
| 2. Assist clients to identify key principles of budgeting and money management | 2.1 Explain different styles of budgets and plans  2.2 Identify types of regular and irregular expenses  2.3 Identify appropriate payment options to suit the budgeting style  2.4 Discuss important of record keeping in relation to spending  2.5 Assist client to understand basic paperwork relevant to their money management needs  2.6 Identify appropriate record keeping method for the client |
| 3. Assist client to develop a personal budget | 3.1 Explain components of a personal budget  3.2 Assist client to identify and list all income and expenditure for a relevant period of time  3.3 Identify regular and irregular items of expenditure and project these expenses over a future length of time in relation to income periods  3.4 Identify surplus or deficit and discuss with the clients in relation to their stated priorities  3.5 Encourage clients to allocate surplus funds towards meeting identified financial goals |
| 4. Provide resources to assist client to self manage their finances on an ongoing basis | 4.1 Provide the client with budgeting tools to assist in developing own personal budget to suit their particular needs  4.2 Discuss strategies and tips to successfully manage a personal budget  4.3 Provide relevant community information and resources to assist client in meeting their financial needs  4.4 Assist clients to identify when a budget requires review  4.5 Refer to specialist services or financial counselling according to clients needs |

# Foundation Skills

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| The Foundation Skills describe those required skills (language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills) that are essential to performance. |
| Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency |

# Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit

# Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e0c25cc-3d9d-4b43-80d3-bd22cc4f1e53>