



Australian Government

Assessment Requirements for CSCDOG008

Assess dogs for custodial purposes

Release: 1

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the CSC Correctional Services Training Package Release 3.0

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria on at least one occasion and include:

- working independently and in teams to assess dogs for their suitability for particular roles within the organisation
- collecting, analysing and organising information about dog performance and characteristics to produce records and reports on the assessment of dogs for the organisation
- providing recommendations and observations to responsible personnel
- maintaining effective relationships with organisations/individuals for sourcing dogs.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and includes knowledge of:

- legislation, regulations and organisational policies, procedures and guidelines related to the assessment and use of dogs including:
 - purposes for which dogs may be used within the organisation
 - records and reports that must be established and maintained about the assessment of dogs for the organisation
 - criteria and activities for assessing suitability of dogs
 - retirement and disposal of dogs
- typical characteristics and temperaments of various breeds of dogs that are suited to working within the organisation including:
 - anatomy and signs of health and ill health of dogs
 - work environment in which dogs could be deployed and emergencies that could arise within those environments
- emergency response and evacuation procedures to maintain security
- duty of care to all involved
- limits of own authority
- Workplace/Occupational Health and Safety (WHS/OHS) relevant to the job task
- approved communication terminology, call signs and radio channels used by emergency personnel

- how to apply the hierarchy of control and use of force to control hazards and minimise risk
- location of emergency equipment in the workplace
- procedures for communicating and collaborating with responding officers and other services
- process of dynamic risk assessment and how it is applied.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must occur in a custodial environment.

Assessors must hold credentials specified within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must satisfy the Principles of Assessment and Rules of Evidence and all regulatory requirements included within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Resources for assessment must include access to:

- real dogs
- a range of relevant exercises
- applicable documentation, including workplace procedures, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals
- relevant materials, tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) currently used in industry.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=114e25cd-3a2c-4490-baae-47d68dcd2fde>