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**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

Release 1.0

This unit was released in CSC Correctional Services Training Package release 2.0.

## 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 includes:

- working with an offender affected by alcohol and other drugs (AOD) in a manner that ensures their safety and that of others by:
  - applying workplace policies and procedures for prevention of harm, including emergency procedures and infection control
  - assessing offender's behaviour for indicators of AOD use
  - monitoring behaviour and condition for change in status
  - seeking specialist support when required
  - completing accurate written reports in the required format
- following workplace policies and procedures to respond to incidents by:
  - assessing physical signs for indications of potential risk
  - addressing risks in an appropriate time frame
  - seeking emergency assistance when required
  - providing succinct information during handover

## 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 include knowledge of:

- workplace policies and procedures related to dealing with offenders affected by AOD including:
  - substance testing
  - searches
  - monitoring at risk offenders
  - emergency response
  - requirements for reports
- basic understanding of AOD use, including:
  - obvious indicators of AOD use and overdose including:

- behavioural and physical signs
- changes in behaviour and physical condition that indicate an escalation of risk
- AOD issues in the local community, prison and correctional environment
- recent and relevant workplace information and policies on AOD use
- harm minimisation of affected offenders
- strategies for interacting and engaging with offenders affected by AOD
- workplace policies and procedures relating to emergency response, including:
  - restraint guidelines
  - isolation guidelines
  - risk assessment and degree of urgency
  - use of response specialists
  - basic principles of infection control including:
    - correct use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
    - modes of transmission
    - hand hygiene
    - managing a blood or body fluid spill
  - sharps handling and disposal techniques
- requirements for reports

## Assessment Conditions

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 must occur in suitable workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in suitable simulated workplace operational situations reflecting actual industry workplace conditions likely to be encountered by an individual responsible for dealing with offenders influenced by alcohol and other drugs effectively as part of a coordinated team, including coping with difficulties, irregularities and changes to routine.

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:

- relevant and appropriate materials, tools, facilities, equipment and personal protective equipment currently used in the industry
- applicable documentation relevant to the industry including workplace policies, procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals
- case studies and workplace scenarios to capture the range of situations likely to be encountered.

## Links

CSC Correctional Services Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide at: -  
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=114e25cd-3a2c-4490-baae-47d68dcd2fde>