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Erect a survival shelter using natural  
resources in a survival situation**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
1	<p>These Assessment Requirements were released in DEF Defence Training Package release 1.0 and meet the Standards for Training Packages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment Requirements created drawing upon specified assessment information from superseded unit</li></ul>

## Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the candidate must demonstrate evidence of performance of the following on at least one occasion.

- tying knots and lashes
- constructing at least two shelters capable of withstanding a vertical or horizontal loading to the framework of 300N; that repels all water when twenty litres is poured along the top/leading edge of the structure to simulate rain; whose tiling and thatching remains adhered to the shelter under wind conditions of Beaufort scale 4 (11–16 knots)
- using and binding with improvised cordage including at least one of
  - animal skins/gut
  - bark strips
  - reeds and grasses
  - traditional two-ply string

## Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the depth of knowledge demonstrated must be appropriate to the job context of the candidate.

- priorities of survival
- threats to survival from elements

## Assessment Conditions

Competency must be assessed in a simulated workplace environment, including access to an appropriate remote survival area that has suitable natural resources and natural features; and a knife.

Consideration must be given to holistic assessment with other survival units.

While a person can demonstrate the technical ability to construct and maintain a shelter, doing so in a survival situation is crucial. Assessment under simulated survival conditions includes:

- food restrictions
- absence of normal living conditions and amenities
- significant period of time

Refer to advice in the companion volumes.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=6bdbab1e-11ed-4bc9-9cba-9e1a55d4e4a9>

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