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**Assessment Requirements for DEFSUR008
Produce fire using improvised means 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">• Assessment Requirements created drawing upon specified assessment information from superseded unit

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.

- implementing fire safety
- producing fire from traditional means and friction
- nurturing the ember into a robust flame through the careful and sequential additions of tinder, kindling and fuel
- maintaining a fire continuously regardless of weather conditions
- demonstrating due regard to the safety of persons and equipment, and the surrounding environment

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.

- fire safety
- hypothermia
- range of applications of fire in a survival situation

Assessment Conditions

Competency must be demonstrated once under the range of methods detailed in the establishment of fire but the maintenance of fire should be assessed over time. Competency must be assessed in a simulated workplace environment in an appropriate assessment area with access to sufficient suitable dry organic material to start fires; friction method fire-starting resources including bootlace (as bow string); and a knife. Fire should be maintained in all weather conditions including rain.

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

While a person can demonstrate the technical ability to start and maintain a fire, 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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