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# **Assessment Requirements for HLTAHA014**

## **Assist and support the use of augmentative and alternative communication systems**

**Release: 1**

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### Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	<p>This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 2.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages.</p> <p>Significant changes to the elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment including volume and frequency requirements. Minimum work hours added. Removal of pre-requisite.</p>

### Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be evidence that the candidate has:

- provided therapeutic guidance for 3 clients in the use of communication systems under the direction of a speech pathologist, 1 in a simulated environment and 2 in the workplace, including:
  - positioning the client and managing the environment for optimum use of a communication system
  - designing and making communication systems to meet individual needs
- performed the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of at least 120 hours of work

### Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

- communication needs of clients with congenital, developmental, acquired and progressive disabilities
- augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) systems and strategies available
- criteria used in the selection and application of AAC devices for people with complex communication needs
- work health and safety (WHS) policies and procedures that relate to the allied health assistant's role in implementing speech therapy programs

## Assessment Conditions

All aspects of the performance evidence must have been demonstrated using simulation prior to being demonstrated in a therapeutic workplace under the direction and supervision (direct, indirect, remote) as determined by the speech pathologist and/or occupational therapist.

The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including individualised plans and any relevant equipment outlined in the plan
- modelling of industry operating conditions and contingencies, including provision of services to real people

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>