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**Assessment Requirements for
HLTAHW012 Assist with prevention and
minimisation of substance misuse**

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	Updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• assessor requirements statement• foundation skills lead in statement• licensing statement• modification history to reflect 2012 standards Equivalent outcome.
Release 1	This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 1.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages. Significant changes to elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment, including volume and environment requirements.

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 accurate and accessible information about substance misuse to the community on at least three occasions by:
 - consulting with the primary health care team to determine the information to provide
 - communicating the information to members of the community in culturally appropriate and safe ways
 - using different mediums to support access to information
- worked with the primary health care team to support at least three individual clients by:
 - analysing client history and records to assess possible substance misuse for each client
 - planning follow-up action consultation with relevant community and/or health professionals
 - implementing and monitoring follow-up plans.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively do the task outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage the task and manage contingencies in the context of the identified work role.

This includes knowledge of:

- physical, social and psychological effects of misuse of substances identified in this unit
- treatment options relating to specific substance misuse
- community issues and legislation relating to substance misuse
- patterns of drug and alcohol consumption relevant to the community and region
- service providers and associated referral processes
- understanding of blood-borne viruses in relation to injecting drug use, and associated high rates of HIV and hepatitis C in this Aboriginal population group
- indirect impacts of substance misuse, including:
 - foetal alcohol syndrome
 - environmental tobacco smoke
- principles of harm minimisation (as Australia's national policy), including:
 - harm reduction
 - supply reduction
 - demand reduction
- impact of substance misuse on the healthy functioning of major body organs and systems
- likely interactions between chronic illness and substance misuse
- impact of substance abuse on pregnancy, birth and unborn children.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated working:

- in a health service or centre
- as part of, and under the supervision of, a multidisciplinary primary health care team
- with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and communities.

In addition, simulations and scenarios must be used where the full range of contexts and situations cannot be provided in the workplace or may occur only rarely. These are situations relating to emergency or unplanned procedures where assessment in these circumstances would be unsafe or is impractical.

Simulated assessment environments must simulate the real-life working environment where these skills and knowledge would be performed, with all the relevant equipment and resources of that working environment.

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

Assessment must be undertaken by a workplace assessor who has expertise in this unit of competency and who is:

an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Worker or:

- accompanied by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who is a recognised member of the community with experience in primary health care.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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