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HLTAHW029 Provide information and  
strategies in maternal and infant health**

**Release: 2**

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### Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	Updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• assessor requirements statement</li><li>• foundation skills lead in statement</li><li>• licensing statement</li><li>• modification history to reflect 2012 standards</li></ul>
Release 1	<p>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.</p> <p>Significant changes to elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment, including volume and environment requirements</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 information and strategies to at least three women and their infants to support maternal and infant health by:
  - communicating in an effective and culturally safe and appropriate manner to understand the mother's and infant's needs
  - providing accurate and relevant information and guidance about maternal and infant health and wellbeing
  - communicating effectively with client to obtain information and ensure understanding of information provided
  - assisting mothers presenting with antenatal problems
  - liaising between service providers, individuals, families and community groups to support maternal and infant health
  - reflecting on own level and application of skills and knowledge to achieve desirable outcomes for clients

- worked within a team on at least three occasions to deliver effective health promotion and education for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities and clients around maternal and infant health by:
  - using appropriate facilitation, problem-solving and instructional practices
  - communicating effectively and in a culturally safe and appropriate manner
  - promoting discussion of health issues around maternal and infant health.

## 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:

- organisation policies and procedures and legislation or regulations relating to:
  - client confidentiality
  - referral, including various levels of urgency, and follow-up of clients
  - mandatory reporting
  - notifiable communicable diseases
  - limits of own ability and authority
  - reporting procedures
  - documentation
- standard treatment protocols in accordance with legislative guidelines
- role of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker in relation to maternal and infant health education and care
- culturally appropriate and safe birthing practices
- awareness of the health and wellbeing of mother and child which encompasses physical, social-emotional and nutritional aspects
- health conditions and associated risks related to pregnancy, maternal and infant health which includes:
  - alcohol and other drugs
  - smoking
  - nutrition
  - domestic violence
  - sexual assault
- relevant evaluation criteria for monitoring effectiveness of specific maternal and infant health management program.

## Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated working:

- in a health service or centre

- as part 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>