



**Australian Government**

**Assessment Requirements for  
MSMWHS212 Undertake first response to  
fire incidents**

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## Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MSAPMOHS212A Undertake first response to fire incidents

## Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and demonstrate the ability to:

- recognise and assess fire situations, including the identification of different types of fires and fuels
- determine appropriate actions according to procedures and within scope of own responsibilities, including:
  - evacuate (self/others)
  - seek assistance as appropriate
  - apply control measures
  - select and use a range of first response fire-fighting safety equipment
  - select and use appropriate extinguishing agent
  - apply defensive fire-fighting tactics and techniques
  - select and use personal protective equipment (PPE)
  - minimise the effect of a fire incident
- communicate clearly and unambiguously with a range of personnel on fire emergency conditions, related problems and safety and emergency procedures.

## Knowledge Evidence

Evidence must be provided that demonstrates knowledge of:

- organisational procedures, including:
  - site or organisation emergency procedures and response plans
  - site-specific isolation procedures
- characteristics of fire and fuel types
- composition and uses of extinguishing agents
- types and application of basic firefighting equipment
- types and application of PPE
- roles and responsibilities of internal and external personnel in relation to fire incidents
- appropriate responses to different fire situations.

## Assessment Conditions

- Competency must be achieved before performing this work unsupervised. Therefore this unit will typically be assessed off the job. Where assessment is undertaken on the job appropriate supervision and safety precautions must be provided.
- The unit should be assessed holistically and the judgement of competence based on a holistic assessment of the evidence.
- The collection of performance evidence:
  - should provide evidence of the ability to perform over the range of situations which might be expected to be encountered, including typical disruptions to normal, smooth work conditions
  - must include the use of appropriate firefighting tools, equipment, extinguishing media and safety gear requiring demonstration of preparation, operation, completion and responding to problems
  - must include responding to an actual fire in a simulated industrial situation (e.g. a fire ground).
- Off-the-job assessment must sufficiently reflect realistic operational workplace conditions that cover all aspects of workplace performance, including environment, task skills, task management skills, contingency management skills and job role environment skills.
- Knowledge evidence will be collected independently of the above practical assessment and may use workbooks, written assessments, interviews (provided a record is kept) or other methods.
- Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.
- Conditions for assessment must include access to all tools, equipment, materials and documentation required, including relevant workplace procedures, product and manufacturing specifications associated with this unit.
- The regulatory framework will be reflected in workplace policies and procedures and is not required to be independently assessed.
- Persons seeking verification of competence/retraining must meet the same evidence requirements as above.
- Foundation skills are integral to competent performance of the unit and should not be assessed separately.
- As a minimum, assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015 assessor requirements.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=d1287d36-dff4-4e9f-ad2c-9d6270054027>