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Assessment Requirements for PUA FIR203 Respond to urban fire

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the PUA Public Safety Training Package.

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all the requirements of the elements, performance criteria and range of conditions on at least one occasion and includes

- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including maintaining the health and safety of self and others
- combating fires through implementing firefighting objectives, strategies and tactics
- concluding firefighting operations
- conducting search and rescue
- controlling fire environment by cooling fire gases
- entering structures affected by fire
- identifying hazardous materials
- instigating actions to avoid risk of injury
- moving in smoke and darkness
- observing and reacting to changes in conditions and fire behaviour
- obtaining water from reticulated or static water supplies
- operating a firefighting branch
- operating fire extinguishers
- participating in ancillary operations
- preparing extinguishing media and equipment for use
- proceeding to a fire
- recording incident information
- selecting and using firefighting equipment
- using extinguishing media on a fire
- using personal protective clothing and equipment
- using structural entry techniques
- utilising breathing apparatus, associated equipment and operational procedures

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all the requirements of the elements, performance criteria and range of conditions and includes knowledge of

- ancillary activities
- basic signs of fire cause and activities for protecting evidence
- behaviour of a building or structure in a fire
- chain of command
- change in conditions at a fire caused by increase or decrease in
 - fuel available to fire
 - increase or decrease of oxygen available to fire
- different construction types and their behaviour in a fire
- equipment and tools used in fire suppression activities extinguishing media
- fire behaviour
- fire ground signals including audible and visual
- fire tetrahedron
- firefighting foams
- firefighting tasks, tactics and techniques
- hazardous materials identification
- hazards and actions to minimise, mitigate, control or eliminate
- identification of various building types including structural elements and materials, causes and signs of structural failure
- methods of heat transfer
- natural ventilation procedures
- navigation and map reading
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures including procedures for working with ladders, ropes, lines and tying knots
- portable fire extinguishers
- principles and methods of extinguishment
- salvage and overhaul
- signs of structural collapse
- water supplies
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) organisational requirements including safety assessments and/or risk mitigation processes, safe work practices and personal protective clothing and equipment

Assessment Conditions

As a minimum, assessors must satisfy applicable regulatory requirements, which include requirements in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

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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.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in industry approved simulated workplace operational situation that reflects workplace conditions.

Competency should be assessed on the job and/or in a range of simulated fire environments.

Resources for assessment must include access to

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
- a relevant appropriate materials, equipment, tools and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry including
 - range of controlled or simulated fires, firefighting equipment, extinguishing media and breathing apparatus and associated equipment
- applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

Links

PUA Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide is found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=3eca5672-6d5a-410b-8942-810d0ba05bbf>