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in an emergency**

**Release: 2**

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## Modification History

**Release 2.** Updated superseded HLT Pre-requisite unit.

**Release 1.** This is the first release of this unit of competency in the 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 and performance criteria on at least one occasion and includes

- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- attaching and operating equipment
- checking equipment including pre and post checks
- communicating with casualty and team members
- estimating age and weight of casualty
- following organisational policies and procedures
- identifying hazards and risks
- implementing safe work practices while using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- managing situation in a calm and orderly manner and taking action to ensure safety and comfort of casualty
- participating as a team member
- recognising signs and symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest
- recovering and restoring equipment including reporting faults
- using resuscitation equipment and techniques

## Knowledge Evidence

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

- adherence and positioning of electrode pads
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and Semi-Automated External Defibrillator (SAED) basic operations
- characteristics and limitations of equipment
- defibrillation safety including shock delivery protocols
- hazards
- human body and its systems

- industry standards including Australian Resuscitation Council guidelines
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures
- principles of operation and troubleshooting for AEDs
- processes for cleaning and discarding equipment
- roles and responsibilities of team members
- site and casualty safety precautions
- specifications and precautions for safe storage and handling of defibrillator resuscitation and kits
- state and territory legislative and regulatory requirements including duty of care
- types of casualties
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including risk mitigation

## Assessment Conditions

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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 situations that reflect workplace conditions.

Competency should be assessed in a range of simulated emergencies operating an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Resources for assessment must include access to

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
- relevant and appropriate materials, equipment, tools and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry including
  - defibrillation equipment and/or kit
  - resuscitation manikin
  - suitable site to simulate an emergency
- applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

## Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=3eca5672-6d5a-410b-8942-810d0ba05bbf>

