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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 and performance criteria on at least one occasion and includes

- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- communicating with team members and casualties
- completing recall and stand down procedures
- complying with search orders
- dealing with clues and location of objects or causalities
- determining and maintaining search and task information
- finalising organisational documentation
- following organisational policies and procedures
- identifying and repairing or replacing faulty equipment, in accordance with organisational procedures
- identifying and reporting personal capabilities and limitations
- implementing lost searcher procedures
- maintaining aquatic search safety
- marking and spacing boundaries or grids
- observing situation and/or environment
- observing the safety of self and others during search
- participating in an aquatic search
- participating in operational briefing and debriefing sessions
- preparing for an aquatic search
- preserving rescue scene and recovering evidence
- recognising and reporting operational stress
- recovering missing persons and/or findings
- using personal protective clothing and equipment
- utilising survival techniques
- working in a team

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

- aquatic search
- communication techniques including hand signals and language style
- composition of teams including roles and responsibilities and duty of care responsibilities
- hazards and environmental threats
- lost searcher procedures
- map reading
- object recovery procedures
- operating procedures relevant to terrain and conditions
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures
- preservation of a crime scene and evidence
- processes for briefings and debriefings
- recall procedures
- search equipment
- search formations and grids
- signs and symptoms of operational stress including post traumatic stress disorder
- state, territory and Commonwealth search management arrangements
- survival techniques
- task information
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) legislative requirements including risk mitigation

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 must occur in workplace operational situations where it is appropriate to do so; where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in simulated workplace operational situations that replicate workplace conditions.

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.

Resources for assessment must include access to

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations including
    - an extended day/night activity during which a variety of searches for persons and objects are undertaken

- relevant and appropriate materials, equipment, tools and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry including
    - an appropriate environment to conduct search operation
    - relevant agencies in the operation such as police, helicopter rescue, marine search and rescue and other aquatic organisations
- applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operations 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