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**Release: 1**

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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 situational awareness of the surf environment, surf skills and techniques
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including implementing risk control measures
- completing risk assessments
- following organisational policies and procedures
- identifying hazards and environmental conditions
- identifying surf conditions and factors that affect these conditions
- implementing self-rescue techniques
- negotiating and returning through surf
- paddling surf craft and using rescue tube
- recognising potential hazards and environmental risks
- recognising types of beaches, waves and distinguishing features of rips, gutters and sweeps when selecting a suitable surf location
- swimming in the surf, in moderate conditions
- using personal safety techniques, recognised signals and survival 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

- effects of wind, tide, swell and ocean floor on surf conditions
- environmental conditions including prevailing conditions
- features and signs of rips, gutters, sweeps and currents
- hand and flag signals
- organisational documentation, policies and processes
- personal safety and situational awareness
- self-rescue techniques
- strategies to use when not able to self-rescue
- surf awareness including beach safety zones

- surf hazards including environmental hazards
- techniques for survival including surf survival techniques
- types of crafts including floatation devices
- types of waves and their characteristic features
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) 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 other simulations including
  - participating in lifesaving activities or in a simulated environment under a range of weather conditions
- relevant and appropriate materials, tools, equipment and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry including
  - a beach with prevailing conditions appropriate to the level of activity
  - suitable surf craft and rescue tubes
- 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>