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Assessment Requirements for PUASAR032 Undertake vertical rescue

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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 hygiene precautions
- applying organisational policies and procedures including following scene management procedures, implementing decontamination procedures and scene preservation and management procedures
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including safe work practices
- assessing a scene
- assessing, treating and packaging casualties
- checking and maintaining vertical rescue equipment
- communicating with team members and casualties
- completing organisational documentation
- concluding vertical rescue operations
- conducting risk assessment
- determining and establishing a vertical rescue system appropriate to the type of incident including selecting and using vertical rescue techniques and equipment
- establishing safe systems to gain access to and recover casualties
- extricating casualties safely and minimising further injury or discomfort to self and others
- managing edge protection and equipment
- participating in and contributing to briefings and debriefings
- performing vertical rescues and securing and removing casualties
- preparing and responding to vertical rescue situations
- securing and removing casualties
- undertaking scene assessment and reporting on this
- using industrial fall arrest systems and devices
- using personal protective clothing and rescue equipment
- using stretchers in raising and lowering operations
- 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

- casualty assessment and packaging
- conditions determining vertical rescue techniques including type of vertical rescue incident and organisational procedures
- field notes, logbook and post incident reporting requirements
- hygiene precautions
- industrial fall arrest systems and devices including harnesses, stretchers and packaging
- operational briefing processes and procedures including collecting information on operation, location, information about access and egress routes and team roles such as team leader, safety officer, technicians and command, control and coordination arrangements
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures
- physical and environmental features including weather and environmental conditions; plant machinery; utilities and services; structural elements; hazardous atmospheres; exposed, unprotected and sharp edges; natural, manmade and physical environmental features
- preservation of incident scene must include disturbing only to gain access or make scene safe and not disturbing fatality scenes until police investigation activities are completed
- principles of suspension trauma
- procedures for operating vertical rescue equipment
- processes and procedures for debriefings
- rescue scene assessment
- rescue scene management procedures including establishing and monitoring safety zones, establishing barriers and perimeter access controls, liaising with media and managing bystanders
- safety factors including safe working loads and breaking strains of vertical rescue equipment
- sources of information including personnel on scene and the public
- vertical rescue and safety systems including anchors, ascending and descending devices, edge management devices, edge protection, karabiners, lighting, pulleys, rescue ropes and tapes to industry standards
- vertical rescue equipment characteristics and limitations
- voice, whistle and other communication systems
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including risk mitigation and safe work practices

Assessment Conditions

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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 organisationally approved 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
- relevant and appropriate materials, rescue tools, rescue and communications equipment and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry including
 - an appropriate venue for vertical rescue activities
 - vertical rescue equipment and personnel for team based activities
- 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>