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PUA50312 Diploma of Public Safety (Forensic Investigation)

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Modification History

Release	TP version	Comments
1	PUA12 v1	New release of existing qualification from PUA00 v8.1: PUA50310. Packaging rules wording revised, units updated. Equivalent.

Description

Not applicable.

Pathways Information

Pathways into the qualification

In the public safety industry, qualification pathways depend on a range of factors specific to each industry such as organisational/agency structure, promotional structure and rank structure.

Policing qualifications have been developed to set agreed minimum standards for police personnel that should be contextualised within the specifics of each Police jurisdiction/agency/organisational policy and procedure.

A recruit will join a Police agency, generally become a Police Officer and subsequently move into a specialist role (such as a supervisor, detective, dog handler, scientific officer etc.).

Therefore, the recruit will be equipped vocationally with generic Police competencies, and often move into a supervising, managing, leading role or into a technical specialist role.

Civilian employees are usually employed within an agency to perform a specific role but can then move laterally or vertically. Therefore, civilians would be given the opportunity to demonstrate previous experience or present relevant qualifications.

Pathways for candidates considering this qualification may include:

- achievement of the PUA50212 Diploma of Public Safety (Policing)
- completion of police jurisdictional specific training
- achievement of partial or full, higher and vocational qualifications relevant to forensic investigation
- entry points that demonstrate potential to undertake vocational education and training at this qualification level, such as vocational experience within a range of environments such as policing, forensic and other relevant environments or relevant work experience in such environments.

Pathways from the qualification

After achieving the PUA50312 Diploma of Public Safety (Forensic Investigation), candidates may undertake a range of qualifications relevant to their role, either to contribute to further technical expertise in a specialist area or to move to a supervising or managing role. Pathways for candidates considering this qualification may include to:

- commence the PUA60312 Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Forensic Investigation)

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Entry Requirements

Not applicable.

Employability Skills Summary

Employability Skills are part of a unit of competency.

Employability Skills statements from a selection of units of competency from the PUA50312 Diploma of Public Safety (Forensic Investigation) have been reproduced in the table below.

This table provides an example of Employability Skills for the qualification because Employability Skills within a qualification will vary depending on the qualification packaging options.

Public Safety qualifications have core units (which must be achieved) and elective units (where there is a choice of units which must be achieved) so different Employability Skills Summaries are possible within the one qualification, depending on the package of core units and chosen elective units.

Employability Skill	Employability Skills Statement
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicate in writing (clearly and unambiguously) • communicate orally (listen, establish rapport, negotiate, resolve conflict) • record physical evidence prior to examination to ensure continuity and accuracy
Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss and document logistics of the examination with other forensic practitioners as required • effectively communicate safety issues/concerns to colleagues, supervisors and when necessary other emergency service workers and the public • work effectively with a range of practitioners
Problem solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse, make decisions and solve problems in responding to a range of physical evidence contexts including the systematic examination of items of physical evidence • implement corrective action to address non-conformance • minimise workplace risks to self, colleagues and the public
Initiative and enterprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess need for specialist and/or external agency assistance and request where necessary • identify and report non-conformance of laboratory practice in accordance with quality system requirements • identify system improvements and deficiencies and convey to management
Planning and organising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse task requirements and implement strategies to successfully examine and record forensic evidence • organise work effectively • plan, implement and where necessary adapt workplace safety responses to situational contexts
Self-management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confirm arrangements, role and involvement in proceedings • evaluate involvement in the judicial proceedings to inform future practice

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • follow instructions and directions
Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn about general duty of care responsibilities • learn about organisational policy and procedures covering safety issues/practices • learn about legislative and procedural requirements for the security, protection and preservation of evidence
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accurately use recording equipment and processes to produce evidence that is acceptable in courts • take forensic photographs • use discipline specific laboratory equipment, such as fingerprinting equipment, computer software, photographic equipment

Packaging Rules

9 units of competency are required for this qualification:

- 9 core units

Code	Core Units
PUAPOLFC002B	Maintain a safe forensic working environment
PUAPOLFC003B	Detect, record and collect physical evidence
PUAPOLFC004B	Evaluate and document cases and facilitate analyses
PUAPOLFC005B	Prepare and submit forensic documentation
PUAPOLFC006B	Contribute to and comply with quality systems
PUAPOLFC008B	Process and interpret comparative evidence
PUAPOLFC022A	Prepare and present specialist forensic evidence or opinion
PUAPOLFC029A	Use and maintain specialist forensic equipment
PUATEA002B	Work autonomously

NOTE

Information about customising PUA12 Public Safety Training Package qualifications in the Customisation of Qualifications section.