



Australian Government

SFICPL202 Conduct field observations

Release: 1

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with SFI Seafood Industry Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to conduct and report on observations in the field according to agency policies and procedures.

This unit applies to individuals who undertake field observations for the purposes of surveillance, research or monitoring of cultural or natural resources. They use observation and recording equipment, including maps, charts, video cameras, still cameras and global positioning systems (GPS). For surveillance purposes, these individuals collect relevant information of the type, quality and quantity necessary to present acceptable evidence in a court of law.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, food safety, biosecurity and environmental regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Compliance (CPL)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare for field observations	1.1 Identify and confirm the purpose of the field observations with supervisor

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	1.2 Clarify and confirm the nature and type of information to be collected 1.3 Identify hazards and risks associated with the observation and identify appropriate controls with the supervisor or team leader 1.4 Identify and confirm agency protocols and requirements and legislative considerations for the recording of observations 1.5 Select appropriate equipment for the field observation task, and check for serviceability
2. Conduct field observations	2.1 Select and check fit of required personal protective equipment for observation task 2.2 Use equipment in a manner that ensures recorded observations are accurate and effective for the intended purpose 2.3 Collect sufficient and relevant information from observations of activities to identify any non-compliance 2.4 Record observations according to agency procedures and legislative requirements as required 2.5 Use equipment in a manner that ensures the safety of self and others 2.6 Ensure the security of equipment at all times
3. Report on field observations	3.1 Prepare and collate report identifying any evidence of non-compliance 3.2 Present report according to agency procedures 3.3 Label and file recorded observations securely according to agency procedures 3.4 Answer queries arising from the report in a timely manner

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
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Numeracy	- Reads and interprets numerical data related to recording equipment - Calculates data related to observations
Reading	- Interprets information of the type, quality and quantity necessary to present acceptable evidence in a court of law - Interprets information relevant to the operation - Interprets checklists, schedules, maps and charts
Writing	- Records operational information, data and measurements - Completes checklists and takes notes on field observation activities
Navigate the world of work	Asks questions to clarify understanding or seek further information
Interact with others	- Communicates, exchanges and reports operational task and safety information to relevant personnel - Cooperates with others to conduct observation activities
Get the work done	- Solves familiar and generally predictable problems within workplace guidelines and using experience of past solutions - Uses two-way communication, surveillance and navigational equipment

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
SFICPL202 Conduct field observations	SFICOMP202B Conduct field observations	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=e31d8c6b-1608-4d77-9f71-9ee749456273>