



**Australian Government**

# **SISCAQU021 Perform complex water rescues**

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## Modification History

Not applicable.

## Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to complete complex water rescues in indoor or outdoor, built or natural swimming venues. It requires the ability to assess rescue situations, determine appropriate rescue actions, and use a range of equipment and techniques to provide prompt and effective rescue responses.

Complex situations may involve multiple persons in difficulty, persons suffering a medical event in the water, injured persons, dealing with numerous hazards, or a combination of many factors. Complex rescues typically involve multiple team members working together.

This unit applies to any type of sport, fitness, aquatic or recreation organisation including commercial, not-for-profit, community and government organisations.

It has particular application to pool lifeguards but can apply to other workers, including outdoor recreation leaders, who complete complex water rescues. Rescuers use discretion and judgement to manage significant problems when they arise, guided by established organisational rescue procedures.

White water and surf rescues are covered in outdoor recreation units coded SISRSC.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State or Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

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

## Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

## Competency Field

Aquatics

## Unit Sector

Community Recreation

## Elements and Performance Criteria

### ELEMENTS

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

*Elements describe the essential outcomes.*

*Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.*

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| <p>1. Assess the situation and determine rescue requirements for complex incidents.</p> | <p>1.1. Identify signs and signals of persons in difficulty and assess their situation promptly.</p> <p>1.2. Identify hazards and promptly assess risks to self, rescuee and others.</p> <p>1.3. Determine appropriate rescue methods for situation, according to condition of persons in need of rescue and established organisational rescue procedures.</p> <p>1.4. Select rescue equipment suited to emergency situation.</p> <p>1.5. Determine roles and responsibilities for team members according to specific rescue requirements.</p> <p>1.6. Communicate initial assessment of situation promptly to appropriate personnel according to time constraints and organisational emergency response procedures.</p> |
| <p>2. Complete complex rescues.</p>   | <p>2.1. Provide clear and concise instructions to team members and conscious persons being rescued.</p> <p>2.2. Use tow techniques to rescue persons in water, selecting approach and contact methods to minimise risk of injury to self and rescuee.</p> <p>2.3. Identify and promptly respond to hazards and rescuee conditions that arise during rescue.</p> <p>2.4. Extract persons from water safely and efficiently, using equipment and techniques suited to rescuee condition.</p> <p>2.5. Assist rescued person according to organisational emergency response procedures.</p>  |
| <p>3. Debrief and complete reports.</p>   | <p>3.1. Participate in incident response debrief and identify future response improvements.</p> <p>3.2. Complete required incident reports according to organisational procedures.</p>   |

## Foundation Skills

*Foundation skills essential to performance in this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed here, along with a brief context statement.*

### SKILLS

### DESCRIPTION

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| <p>Reading skills to:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• interpret detailed familiar organisational procedures for rescues and emergency response.</li> </ul>                             |
| <p>Writing skills to:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use fundamental sentence structure to record accurate factual information about rescue responses in template incident</li> </ul> |

- reports.
- Oral communication skills to:
- use clear and unambiguous verbal and non-verbal communications to make intent known.
- Teamwork skills to:
- pro-actively and cooperatively work within teams to coordinate rescue logistics, solve arising problems and effect efficient rescues.
- Self-management skills to:
- critically analyse all circumstances and implications to provide a prompt and considered rescue response.

## Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is not equivalent to SISCAQU007 Perform advanced water rescues.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=1ca50016-24d2-4161-a044-d3faa200268b>