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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- lead three bushwalks for a group of participants according to predetermined activity plans
- across the three bushwalks, collectively use two different demonstration and instruction techniques
- during each bushwalk consistently manage participant adherence to safety procedures
- after each bushwalk, facilitate a debrief with participants and participate in a team member debrief
- utilise options provided in Assessment Conditions to:
 - determine a total of three required activity modifications to suit prevailing conditions and participant capabilities and responses
 - respond to a total of three different immediate safety risks that have arisen during activities
 - respond to a total of two emergency situations and complete two incident reports
 - complete two reports on equipment faults.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- organisational safety, emergency response and first aid procedures for bushwalking activities
- a range of demonstration and instruction techniques applicable to recreational activities
- appropriateness of different demonstration and instruction techniques for a range of ages and capabilities
- the importance of verbalising instructions during demonstrations and providing reasons for doing things in a certain way
- techniques used to:
 - build group cohesion
 - motivate and encourage participants to keep them engaged and challenged
 - provide constructive feedback to participants
- key principles of group dynamics and techniques used to manage positive group dynamics

- signs, stages and levels of conflict within groups and techniques used to resolve at various stages of escalation
- specific to bushwalking activities in extremely difficult tracked and untracked environments:
 - roles and responsibilities of different activity leaders and support staff
 - communication protocols used between participants and leaders during activities
 - how characteristics of participants affect the selection of equipment, including personal protective equipment:
 - age, size and weight
 - current experience in the recreational activity and skill level
 - fitness level and physical capabilities
 - injuries and medical conditions
 - emotional, behavioural and intellectual ability or disability
 - typical group equipment and how this is distributed amongst participants and leaders
 - how to establish the capabilities of self, other leaders and participants to carry appropriate weight in backpack
 - potential hazards and associated risks and safety procedures used to manage these.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a setting where bushwalking activities are delivered in extremely difficult tracked or untracked environments. Tracks must feature the following:

- be rough unformed tracks with no modification to the natural surface
- have surfaces that are variable and challenging with prolonged unstable sections
- have constant natural obstacles such as rocky or loose tread, roots, rocks, fallen tree logs and dense vegetation
- have steep sections and very arduous climbs
- have no signage or route markers at any point

If in an alpine region, assessment can occur if ground is covered by snow.

The following resources must be available to replicate industry conditions of operation:

- first aid equipment
- communication equipment for emergency response
- rescue equipment.

Assessment must ensure use of:

- a group of participants whom the individual leads
- real workplace situations, or simulated activities, or case study scenarios that test aspects of this unit that relate to:
 - activity modifications for prevailing conditions and participant needs

- arising safety risks
- emergency situations
- equipment faults
- backpacks
- food, water, shelter and camping equipment for duration of assessment
- clothing and footwear suitable for the conditions
- activity plans to include details of planned route
- template:
 - safety checklists
 - participant informed consents
 - equipment fault reports
 - incident reports
- organisational safety, emergency response and first aid procedures for bushwalking activities.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations requirements for assessors, and:

- have a collective period of at least three years' experience as a bushwalking leader, guide or instructor, where they have applied the skills and knowledge covered in this unit of competency; the three years' experience can incorporate full and or part time experience.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides -

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