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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:

- develop a plan for one tourism operation that supports environmental sustainability and includes:
  - analysis of key environmental issues
  - consultation with key stakeholders
  - evaluation of proposed operation
  - development of strategies and operational approaches that maximise positive impacts
  - integration of current legislation, regulations, guidelines and industry codes of practice
- implement the above plan, complying with environmentally sustainable practices, guidelines and legal requirements
- monitor and evaluate the environmental impact of the above tourism operation including:
  - community consultation and involvement
  - internal and external education programs
  - implementing sustainable operational initiatives:
    - regularly reviewing optimal group sizes
    - scheduling for optimal weather conditions and seasons
    - selecting most appropriate equipment and transport modes.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- current research trends in the area of environmentally sustainable tourism operations
- current and emerging issues and trends relevant to above operation and the environment
- global environmental issues, including layperson's level science associated with:
  - climate change
  - energy
  - land management
  - waste and consumption
  - water

- relevance of environmental issues to the area or region of work and the specific features and vulnerabilities of the local environment
- methods of environmental evaluation:
  - environmental impact study (EIS)
  - evaluation of organisational capacity to comply with:
    - environmental and community protection laws
    - industry and ecotourism codes of practice
  - social sustainability
  - site studies
- consultation and communication mechanisms used by organisations in the product development process
- strategic frameworks and operational systems and procedures that support environmentally sustainable operations
- ways of balancing ecological sustainability and the economic viability of an operation
- key stakeholders in the area and their roles in the tourism planning process:
  - consumer representatives
  - host community
  - investors
  - government authorities
  - land management agencies
- suppliers of environmentally-friendly products
- potential negative environmental impacts:
  - disturbance of flora and fauna
  - introduction of exotic and feral species
  - physical damage
  - pollution
  - visual impacts
  - waste issues
- laws, regulations and land management requirements and guidelines:
  - need for permits in national parks or on land under control of traditional owners
  - restrictions on operations in relevant areas.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a destination, location, organisation or event for which an environmentally sustainable operation can be established. This can be:

- an industry workplace; or
- a simulated industry environment set up for the purposes of assessment.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- current information about environmental practices:
  - legislation

- - guidelines
  - industry codes of practice
- current information and communications technology to support the research and planning process
- stakeholders with whom consultations can take place. These can be:
  - real stakeholders; or
  - individuals who participate in role plays or simulated activities, set up for the purpose of assessment, in a simulated industry environment operated within a training organisation.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors and have worked in industry for at least three years where they have applied the skills and knowledge of this unit of competency.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=68c40a93-e51d-4e0f-bc06-899dff092694