



Australian Government

SITTGDE101 Interpret aspects of local Australian Indigenous culture

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Modification History

The version details of this endorsed unit of competency set are in the table below. The latest information is at the top.

Version	Comments
1.0	E Replaces and is equivalent to SITTGDE009A Interpret aspects of local Australian Indigenous culture. Wording simplified to more accurately reflect level at which skills are applied.

Unit Descriptor

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to share information about a specific local Australian Indigenous culture. It is this localised focus that distinguishes this unit from SITTGDE306 Research and share general information on Australian Indigenous cultures.

The unit recognises that there is no single Australian Indigenous culture and emphasises the importance of local cultural knowledge, appropriate behaviour and local community consultation.

Application of the Unit

This unit applies to those people who are able to share local Indigenous cultural knowledge with others. They may work at many different levels, as cultural knowledge has no direct relationship with workplace levels of responsibility.

The local cultural knowledge necessary to achieve competency in this unit may only be accessible to those individuals who identify as elders or who are authorised by local elders on behalf of their communities.

There are many different Indigenous language groups in Australia, therefore focus of cultural interpretation will vary and should ultimately be decided in consultation with elders on behalf of the local community.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Tour guides, residing anywhere in Australia, are required to undertake training and assessment prescribed by Parks Australia to guide within Kakadu and Uluru National Parks in the Northern Territory. This training is based on the following units:

- SITTGDE101 Interpret aspects of local Australian Indigenous culture
- SITTGDE306 Research and share general information on Australian Indigenous cultures.

Pre-Requisites

Not applicable.

Employability Skills Information

This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency. Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge section and the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.

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| 1. Talk with the local Indigenous community. | <p>1.1 Talk to community members about cultural tourism activities, and the <i>ways that information can be used</i>.</p> <p>1.2 Prepare for and conduct activities according to the needs and wishes of the local Indigenous community.</p> <p>1.3 Identify potential conflicts within the local Indigenous community and seek solutions.</p> |
| 2. Share information about local Australian Indigenous culture. | <p>2.1 Share information about <i>aspects of Australian Indigenous culture</i> with customers to an appropriate level.</p> <p>2.2 Advise customers about culturally appropriate behaviour.</p> <p>2.3 Show respect for Australian Indigenous cultures and values through appropriate personal behaviour during activities.</p> <p>2.4 Show customers traditional and contemporary practices when appropriate.</p> <p>2.5 Use local language and share with customers when appropriate.</p> <p>2.6 Invite customers to actively participate and share in the Australian Indigenous <i>cultural experience</i> when appropriate.</p> |

Required Skills and Knowledge

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- communication skills to:
 - talk with others about Indigenous cultural issues
 - share information with people from other cultures.

Required knowledge

- aspects of a specific local Australian Indigenous culture
- protocols for the sharing of information about specific local Australian Indigenous cultures
- copyright and intellectual property issues associated with providing information about local Australian Indigenous culture.

Evidence Guide

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Overview of assessment

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Evidence of the ability to:

- talk with Indigenous community members about what information can be shared with customers
- provide cultural information in an appropriate and respectful manner
- demonstrate knowledge of the local Australian Indigenous culture appropriate to the region.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment must ensure use of:

- cultural sites and locations
- involvement of persons approved of by relevant local community elders in the assessment process.

Method of assessment

A range of assessment methods should be used to assess practical skills and knowledge.

For this unit, methods should be chosen by relevant local community elders or those approved of by the elders.

Guidance information for assessment

The assessor should design integrated assessment activities to holistically assess this unit with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role, for example:

- SITXCCS101 Provide information and assistance.

Range Statement

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording, if used in the performance criteria, is detailed below. Essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) may also be included.

Ways that information can be used may relate to:

- what information can be shared
- who can give information to whom
- who can receive the information
- what activities are appropriate
- who should be involved in activities.

Aspects of Australian Indigenous culture may relate to:

- art
- bush foods and medicine
- dance
- music
- storytelling
- tools and implements.

Cultural experience may take place in:

- cultural centres
- galleries
- natural sites.

Unit Sector(s)

Tourism

Competency Field

Guiding