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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to record information and knowledge on Country from both an Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal perspective.

This unit applies to the identification and recording of Aboriginal sites, objects and cultural landscapes on Country. The unit applies to working with lore/law men and women either as an autonomous sites worker or under the supervision and cultural authority of Traditional Owners or Elders for specific Country and is also applicable to the work of repatriation workers and anthropologists.

This unit applies to all Aboriginal sites workers. However, cultural beliefs and practices vary across locations and communities and in some situations non-Aboriginal learners may not be able to access the cultural knowledge and/or materials required to achieve competency in this unit due to restrictions that are applied to non-Aboriginal people gaining access to cultural knowledge, material or sites. In these situations the Registered Training Organisation will be required to make alternative arrangements for learners that are still consistent with the delivery and assessment requirements for this unit.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

AHCILM306 Follow Aboriginal cultural protocols

Unit Sector

Aboriginal Sites Work (ASW)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate

Element	Performance criteria
essential outcomes.	achievement of the element.
1. Identify Aboriginal sites, objects and materials and cultural landscapes on Country	1.1 Identify and consult appropriate cultural authorities 1.2 Obtain approval to be on Country and perform identification and recording work 1.3 Determine boundaries and extent of Country according to Community guidelines and Aboriginal cultural protocols 1.4 Determine details of land management and maintenance practices 1.5 Identify Aboriginal materials and objects accurately 1.6 Identify Aboriginal cultural landscapes and Aboriginal sites accurately 1.7 Determine the interrelationship of discrete Aboriginal sites to cultural landscapes and Indigenous land management 1.8 Carry out work on and off Country in accordance with work health and safety policies and procedures
2. Use the relevant Information Management System (IMS)	2.1 Determine the relevant government jurisdiction 2.2 Research and determine the relevant information management system (IMS) in operation and the organisation responsible for maintaining the system 2.3 Apply access restrictions to the IMS and confidentiality measures for recording secret, sacred materials 2.4 Access the IMS and select relevant options 2.5 Initiate and maintain, transfer of site, features and/or cultural landscape information
3. Record information on Aboriginal sites, objects and cultural landscapes	3.1 Use information and data collected about the Aboriginal site, objects, features or landscape according to Community guidelines and Aboriginal cultural protocols 3.2 Acknowledge and avoid practices which could damage the level of trust and respect between stakeholders, negotiating parties and the Community 3.3 Categorise and record site context, location and information data 3.4 Categorise and record feature data 3.5 Record Aboriginal Community interpretations, related history and culture and recommendations 3.6 Use standard industry terminology and Aboriginal names for recording and documenting information, where appropriate

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCASW303A Identify and record Aboriginal-sites, objects and cultural landscapes.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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Assessment Requirements for AHCASW303 Identify and record Aboriginal sites, objects and cultural landscapes

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can record information and knowledge on Country from both an Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal perspective.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- record details of Aboriginal sites, objects and cultural landscapes consistent with the requirements of the relevant Information Management System
- record and collate information on Aboriginal culture and history for Country whilst following Aboriginal cultural protocols
- follow Community guidelines and Aboriginal cultural protocols regarding the use of information on sites, objects and cultural landscapes
- identify appropriate cultural authorities for a Community, site, story or Ceremony
- apply Community protocols and permissions to determine cultural information, material and cultural expression that is appropriate to be shared
- identify groups to be consulted in relation to owners and custodians of cultural and Community knowledge, information or material
- use Aboriginal names and standard industry terminology appropriate to the task
- apply work health and safety practices in the context of own work.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- Community Aboriginal history, cultural values and interpersonal and Community protocols related to the site
- cultural rights and responsibilities when using Community knowledge, information and material
- authentic and authoritative sources for Aboriginal cultural information, material and expression able to be accessed and shared
- designated cultural areas and features, boundaries and extent of Country

- protocols and customs relating to disclosure of knowledge about Country.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment must comply with Community protocols and be supported by Elders and Custodians of Country.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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