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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to provide advice on permaculture principles and practices. It requires knowledge of permaculture principles and practices. It also requires skills in identifying client needs and requirements, providing advice on permaculture practices and in researching and relating detailed permaculture information and advice to clients.

All work is carried out to comply with workplace procedures.

This unit applies to individuals who take responsibility for their own work and for the quality of the work of others. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Permaculture (PER)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Identify client requirements for advice	1.1 Initiate contact with the client to determine the scope and type of the permaculture advice required 1.2 Clarify the needs and requirements of the client

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	1.3 Determine client's resources 1.4 Determine the needs and potential of the site or project
2. Provide information on permaculture	2.1 Provide the client with a written brief outlining the requirements for advice 2.2 Supply the client with information on permaculture design principles and practices 2.3 Respond to client requests for clarification or expansion of information 2.4 Outline relevant literature on permaculture and other sources of information to client 2.5 Record information given to the client
3. Undertake permaculture research	3.1 Research specific applications of permaculture principles and practices related to client needs and requirements 3.2 Determine research strategies and sources 3.3 Research and investigate latest developments in permaculture principles and practices
4. Provide advice on permaculture principles and practices	4.1 Prepare advisory documentation or presentation based on the client brief 4.2 Explain contents of advisory documentation to the client 4.3 Include a statement of limitations of advice 4.4 Respond to client requests for clarification or expansion of permaculture principles and practices 4.5 Take feedback from client

Foundation Skills

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

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

New unit - equivalent to QLD124PPP01B.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

Assessment Requirements for AHCPER401 Provide advice on permaculture principles and practices

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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:

- identify client needs and requirements for information and advice
- propose a selection of permaculture practices and strategies that best suit the needs and resources of the client and the potential of the site
- provide information on permaculture principles
- provide advice on permaculture practices and strategies

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- principles of permaculture based on 12 principles in David Holmgren *Principles and Pathways Beyond Sustainability* and the work of Mollison and Slay
- ethics of permaculture: care for the earth, care for all people, fair share of surpluses, setting limits to biophysical growth (population, resource use and waste)
- permaculture practices and strategies, such as
 - personal, household, community and bioregional strategies
 - sustainable agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture and organic gardening
 - economic alternatives that support sustainable living
 - low energy and low embodied energy building and manufacturing
 - appropriate technology
 - restoration ecology and maintenance of biodiversity
 - sustainable community development, bioregional development and relocalisation
 - Reuse and return of products in manufacturing cycle and waste utilisation, waste water, grey water, sewage and resource treatment for re-use and recycling
 - Sustainability education
- elements of permaculture systems

- functions of permaculture systems
- permaculture design techniques
- innovation in plant, animal and technology selection, use and performance
- recent practice in bioregional community development and local energy descent planning
- client communication techniques, record keeping and listening techniques
- preparation of reports and presentations for clients
- uses of Statements of Limitation in the giving of advice

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs. Assessors must also hold a nationally accredited Certificate IV or Diploma of Permaculture. Completion of a Permaculture Design Course (PDC) or non-accredited Permaculture Diploma is not sufficient at this level.

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