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Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 2.0.
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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to operate within a sustainable community and bioregional development program. It requires knowledge of community energy descent planning, group dynamics, community and bioregional issues. It requires the ability to communicate with a diverse group of people and to think sympathetically and laterally to support change in the community.

All work is carried out to comply with workplace procedures.

This unit applies to individuals who analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of advanced skilled activities and demonstrate deep knowledge in a specific technical area. They have accountability for the work of others and analyse, design and communicate solutions to a range of complex problems.

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

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1. Research the community and the bioregion	1.1 Obtain information about the community by reading and discussion 1.2 Obtain information about the bioregion and make connections between this and the community 1.3 Listen sympathetically and think laterally to understand the issues that could affect the program
2. Work within the community or bioregional development program	2.1 Become familiar with issues being tackled by the program 2.2 Become familiar with policies, procedures and strategies already adopted by the program 2.3 Work collaboratively within the program guidelines to support or effect change as needed 2.4 Communicate with all members of the community
3. Participate in the growth of the community or bioregional development program	3.1 Use permaculture design skills and lateral thinking processes to support ongoing development of the program 3.2 Forge links with like-minded organisations and groups within the bioregion according to the energy descent action plan, or the policies of the program 3.3 Maintain contacts and communications and solve conflicts in a spirit of cooperation and not competition 3.4 Maintain records according to program guidelines

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

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

Unit Mapping Information

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Assessment Requirements for AHCPER411 Operate within a sustainable community and bioregional development program

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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:

- research a community and a bioregion
- work within an existing sustainable community or bioregional development program
- participate in ongoing development of the sustainable community or bioregional development program.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- permaculture principles and practices related to sustainable community and bioregional development
- sustainable community and bioregional development programs, including:
 - Transition Towns group activities or programs
 - climate change programs
 - peak oil or peak resource programs
 - alternative economic systems, such as local exchange trading systems
 - environmental, water catchment and natural resource conservation projects
 - social and cultural programs
 - housing and community development programs
 - community supported agriculture, organic and sustainable primary production and consumer networks and programs
 - energy descent action planning

- local food and water security projects
- renewable energy and appropriate technology projects
- greenhouse emission reduction and sequestration projects
- community profile development
- community consultation and facilitation methodologies, including:
 - team and community building activities
 - community forums and discussion
 - open space events
 - cultural mapping processes
 - creative problem solving processes
 - visualisation and experiential processes
 - information gathering processes
- group dynamics and conflict resolution strategies.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs. Assessors must also have 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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