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BSBLEG521 Conduct and apply legal research

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Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to undertake and apply legal research under supervision. This includes identifying research requirements and sources of information, applying information to a set of facts, evaluating the quality of the information, and preparing and producing reports.

The unit applies to individuals who apply a well-established, sound theoretical knowledge base and use a range of specialised, technical or managerial competencies to plan and carry out work in a legal context in accordance with legislation, regulations and codes of practice relevant to different jurisdictions.

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

Unit Sector

Technical Skills – Legal Services

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare to research	1.1 Confirm task requirements 1.2 Prepare research plan and prioritise activities according to task requirements 1.3 Identify available resources and technical requirements 1.4 Delegate tasks according to timelines and task requirements
2. Undertake research	2.1 Identify sources of legal data and information 2.2 Research and identify key information to be extracted
3. Review research	3.1 Check information for compliance with copyright and legal

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
	requirements 3.2 Analyse legal data and information for relevance to facts 3.3 Edit and collate legal data and information according to task, legal and ethical requirements
4. Apply research	4.1 Draft document in appropriate format according to task and organisational requirements 4.2 Present legal data and information according to organisational policies and procedures and legal requirements 4.3 Evaluate draft against previously identified criteria and address identified gaps or deficits 4.4 Review document in consultation with supervisor 4.5 Make amendments where necessary
5. Prepare final draft	5.1 Prepare executive summary 5.2 Check final draft and present it to supervisor for review and sign-off 5.3 Facilitate distribution of report as required

Foundation Skills

This section describes language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills incorporated in the performance criteria that are required for competent performance.

Skill	Description
Reading	- Identifies and analyses complex texts to assess relevance to research task - Compares prepared drafts against criteria to evaluate whether it meets requirements
Writing	Composes and edits texts, selecting appropriate vocabulary, structure and format for audience and purpose
Oral Communication	Explains issues and requirements clearly and obtains information from others by listening and questioning
Numeracy	Analyses task requirements to calculate the duration of activities
Initiative and enterprise	Adheres to legal and regulatory responsibilities related to own work
Teamwork	- Collaborates with others to achieve required outcomes - Selects and uses appropriate communication practices and conventions for the purpose and audience

Planning and organising	- Plans, prioritises, organises and implements tasks to meet organisational requirements, liaising with others when required - Systematically analyses information against set criteria in order to decide on amendments needed to draft reports
Technology	Uses the main features and functions of digital tools to complete work tasks and access information

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit. Supersedes but is not equivalent to BSBRES502 Research legal information using secondary sources.

Links

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate the ability to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including evidence of the ability to:

- conduct and apply legal research in relation to four different matters.

In the course of the above, the candidate must:

- consult with relevant stakeholders to prepare a research plan
- conduct research using both primary and secondary sources, according to legal and organisational requirements
- produce a final report using appropriate format and language, according to the requirements of the request and within agreed timelines.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including knowledge of:

- common primary and secondary sources of legal data and information
- situations where there would be an obligation to refer matters to supervisors and/or obtain sign-off on legal work
- policies and procedures of the organisation relating to researching, accessing and using legal information
- legislative requirements that apply when researching, accessing and using legal information
- format for presenting written reports.

Assessment Conditions

Skills in this unit must be demonstrated in a workplace or simulated environment where the conditions are typical of those in a working environment in this industry.

This includes access to:

- workplace documentation and resources relevant to performance evidence.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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