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Release 1	This version first released with BSB Business Services Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to contribute to the processes of identifying work health and safety (WHS) hazards, assessing WHS risks, and developing, implementing and evaluating risk controls according to legislative and organisational requirements.

It applies to individuals who contribute to WHS risk management processes in their work role in a range of industry and workplace contexts.

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) are equivalent and generally either can be used in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the Model WHS Legislation has not been implemented RTOs are advised to contextualise the unit of competency by referring to the existing State/Territory OHS legislative requirements.

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

Unit Sector

Regulation, Licensing and Risk – Work Health and Safety

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 Access information to identify hazards and assess and control risks	1.1 Identify sources of information and data 1.2 Obtain information and data to determine the nature and scope of workplace hazards, the range of harms they may cause and how these harms are caused

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
	1.3 Obtain information and data to determine the nature and scope of workplace risks and risk controls
2 Contribute to compliance and workplace requirements	2.1 Contribute to identifying and complying with requirements of workplace policies, procedures, processes and systems for hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control activities 2.2 Contribute to identifying and complying with requirements of WHS Acts, regulations, codes of practice and guidelines for hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control activities 2.3 Identify duty holders and their range of duties
3 Contribute to workplace hazard identification	3.1 Use knowledge of hazards to advise individuals and parties of workplace hazards, the harms they may cause and how these harms are caused 3.2 Apply knowledge of hazard identification to contribute to selecting techniques, tools and processes to identify workplace hazards 3.3 Contribute to applying selected techniques, tools and processes 3.4 Contribute to documenting hazard identification process and results
4 Contribute to WHS risk assessment	4.1 Apply knowledge of risk assessment to contribute to selecting techniques, tools and processes for risk assessment of hazards 4.2 Contribute to applying techniques, tools and processes to identified hazards 4.3 Contribute to documenting the results of risk assessments
5 Contribute to the development, implementation and evaluation of risk control	5.1 Apply knowledge of risk control to contribute to developing risk control options for identified hazards, using the results of risk assessments 5.2 Contribute to developing and implementing a risk control plan 5.3 Contribute to evaluating implemented risk controls

Foundation Skills

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

Skill	Performance	Description
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	Criteria	
Reading	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.3, 3.2, 3.4, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2	Locates, interprets and analyses complex WHS legislative and organisational texts
Writing	3.1, 3.4, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3	- Uses structure, layout and language suitable for audience to document WHS risk-management processes - Uses appropriate organisational formats and industry specific vocabulary to document risk control plans
Oral communication	2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.3, 4.2	Uses structure and language suitable for audience to communicate information and contribute ideas about WHS risk-management processes
Navigate the world of work	2.1, 2.2, 2.3	- Takes responsibility for adherence to legal and regulatory responsibilities and organisational policies and procedures in relation to WHS risk-management processes - Keeps up to date with WHS legislation or regulations and related organisational policies and procedures
Interact with others	2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3	- Understands what to communicate, with whom and how in the context of advising on hazards and harms - Cooperates with others as part of WHS risk-management processes, and contributes to specific activities requiring joint responsibility and accountability - Collaborates with others to achieve individual and team outcomes
Get the work done	2.1, 2.2, 3.2, 4.1, 5.2, 5.3	- Applies formal processes to plan, sequence and prioritise risk control tasks, showing awareness of time and resource constraints and the needs of others - Uses formal decision-making processes in risk management processes, setting or clarifying goals, gathering information and identifying and evaluating choices against a set of criteria - Applies formal problem-solving processes, identifying and evaluating several options for action - Uses formal and informal processes to monitor and reflect on outcomes of decisions

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
BSBWHS404 Contribute to WHS hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control	BSBWHS404A Contribute to WHS hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Minor edits to clarify Performance Criteria	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=11ef6853-ceed-4ba7-9d87-4da407e23c10>

Assessment Requirements for BSBWHS404 Contribute to WHS hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control

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Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- identify and interpret information and data about work health and safety (WHS) requirements and apply it to the selection and application of techniques, tools and processes for hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control and the development of a risk control plan
- contribute to documenting and evaluating risk management processes
- communicate about WHS requirements and compliance with a range of people
- comply with WHS requirements for hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control activities
- identify WHS duty holders and their duties.

Note: If a specific volume or frequency is not stated, then evidence must be provided at least once.

Knowledge Evidence

To complete the unit requirements safely and effectively, the individual must:

- outline the WHS risk management (hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control) requirements specified in:
 - relevant WHS Acts and regulations
 - organisational WHS policies, procedures, processes and systems
- explain the difference between hazards and risks in the work context
- outline a range of common workplace hazards, the harms they may cause and how these harms are caused
- explain how risk assessment and controls can eliminate or minimise risks
- identify internal and external sources of WHS information and data and how to access them.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment must be conducted in a safe environment where evidence gathered demonstrates consistent performance of typical activities experienced by individuals carrying out work health and safety duties in the workplace and include access to:

- office equipment and resources
- relevant legislation, standards and guidelines
- relevant policies, procedures, processes and systems
- case studies and, where possible, real situations
- interaction with others.

Assessors must satisfy NVR/AQTF assessor requirements.

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