



**Australian Government**

# **DEFDPL013 Conduct legal research**

**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the DEF Defence Training Package.

## Application

This unit applies to Defence personnel who are required to provide paralegal support services.

The skills and knowledge described in this unit must be applied within the legislative, regulatory and policy environment in which they are carried out. Organisational policies and procedures must be consulted and adhered to.

Those undertaking this unit would work both independently and as part of a team while performing routine tasks. They would work with direct supervision and apply known solutions to a variety of predictable problems.

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

## Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable.

## Competency Field

Defence Paralegal Operations

## Unit Sector

Not applicable.

## Elements and Performance Criteria

### ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

#### 1 Define legal issues

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

1.1 Analyse information to determine factual situation

1.2 Evaluate information to identify legal issues requiring research

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| <b>2 Undertake research</b>        | <b>2.1</b> Define search parameters to narrow the scope of enquiry                                                         |
|                                    | <b>2.2</b> Identify sources of law to address the identified legal issue                                                   |
|                                    | <b>2.3</b> Develop research strategies based on subject, case, legislation, instrument and other relevant search terms     |
|                                    | <b>2.4</b> Implement research strategies to locate sources of law                                                          |
| <b>3 Identify legal principles</b> | <b>3.1</b> Interpret sources of law to facilitate critical analysis                                                        |
|                                    | <b>3.2</b> Analyse sources of law to critically determine the legal precedent and determine application to the legal issue |
|                                    | <b>3.3</b> Formulate response to the legal issue based on research                                                         |
|                                    | <b>3.4</b> Communicate responses to inform stakeholders                                                                    |

## Foundation Skills

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

## Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Non-essential conditions may be found in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

## Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=6bdbab1e-11ed-4bc9-9cba-9e1a55d4e4a9>