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Assessment Requirements for DEFEXO156 Operate small watercraft

Release: 2

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Modification History

Release 2. Modifications made to Foundation Skills and Assessment Conditions.

Release 1. This unit was released in DEF Defence Training Package release 1.0 and meets the Standards for Training Packages.

This unit supersedes and is equivalent to DEFEO815A Operate small watercraft.

- Unit code updated
- Content and formatting updated to comply with the new standards
- All PC transitioned from passive to active voice

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria on at least one occasion and includes:

- calculating and recording number and weight of passengers, stores and equipment
- monitoring hazards and applying safety principles to operations
- navigating using maps and GPS
- using clear interpersonal communication as operator of the vessel
- using knots and lashings to secure watercraft

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and includes:

- operational knowledge:
 - applicable statutory waterways rules for watercraft operation
 - buoyancy/floatation calculations
 - composition of teams, and roles and responsibilities of team members
 - effects of water moving over objects and obstacles
 - local water hazards and environmental conditions
 - techniques for supporting others
 - verbal and non-verbal communication techniques

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must hold credentials specified within the Standards for Registered Training

Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must satisfy the Principles of Assessment and Rules of Evidence and all regulatory requirements included within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in simulated workplace operational situations that reflect workplace conditions.

Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Resources for assessment must include access to:

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
- acceptable means of simulation assessment
- applicable documentation, including workplace procedures, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals
- relevant materials, tools, equipment and PPE currently used in industry.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=6bdbab1e-11ed-4bc9-9cba-9e1a55d4e4a9>