



Australian Government

Assessment Requirements for DEFPHL008 Coordinate environmental health operations

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.

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 two separate occasions and include:

- applying relevant legislation, and organisational policies and procedures
- communicating and consulting with relevant stakeholders
- coordinating tasking of at least two team members to achieve desired outcomes
- determining an achievable tasking plan with prioritised time requirements and resource allocation
- establishing and maintaining administrative systems
- identifying hazards, assessing risks and implementing control measures
- maintaining consistency in tasking
- managing workplace issues and problems
- modifying tasking to meet unplanned events
- reallocating resources based on tasking monitoring.

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 include knowledge of:

- principles of resource management/allocation
- causes of disease transmission
- control measures of disease transmission
- methods of establishing field hygiene and waste facilities
- pathophysiology of common communicable diseases
- planning and control systems
- process of disease
- relevant documentation processes
- relevant legislation, and organisational policies and procedures
- risk management principles
- role and capabilities of other health care providers including environmental health team
- tasking must include one or more of the following:

- applying the permethrin protection system
- assisting in ongoing health threat assessment and health surveillance
- collecting water samples for laboratory analysis
- contributing to epidemiologic quick assessment of disease
- contributing to organisational compliance with work health and safety (WHS)/occupational health and safety (OHS) and industrial hygiene policy/procedures
- coordinating field waste management
- implementing strategies to control the transmission of disease
- inspecting and monitoring water distribution for safe water handling practices
- monitoring food hygiene and preventing the transmission of disease via ingested sources
- operating pesticide dispersal equipment
- performing a water quality survey of an established water distribution point
- performing chlorine dosing of water at the point of supply
- team leadership management principles.

Assessment Conditions

As a minimum, assessors must satisfy applicable regulatory requirements, which include requirements in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

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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.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations, where it is appropriate to do so; where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in simulated workplace operational situations that replicate workplace conditions.

Resources for assessment must include access to:

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or other simulations based on a range of notional health threats from recent and historical experience to tailor tasking
- dependent personnel
- relevant and appropriate materials, tools, equipment, stores and personal protective equipment currently used in industry
- relevant documentation including operational procedures, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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