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DEFWHS014 Monitor and report on hazardous substances safety

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Modification History

Release 2.0. This is the second release of this unit of competency in the DEF Defence Training Package Release 4.0. Modifications have been made to Foundation Skills and Assessment Conditions.

Release 1.0. 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 DEFOH016B Monitor and report on hazardous substances safety.

- Unit code updated
- Content and formatting updated to comply with the new standards
- All PC transitioned from passive to active voice
- PC 1.3 removed
- PC 3.1 and 3.2 merged
- Elements 2 and 3 merged.

Application

This unit involves the skills and knowledge required to monitor and report on hazardous substances safety.

It includes the skills required to effectively identify hazardous substances that may be present in the workplace and to monitor the hazard and hazard controls that have been recommended/implemented as well as reporting the results of this identification and monitoring to commanders/managers.

In the context of this unit, a hazardous substance includes any substances with the potential, when used at work, to impact on the health or safety of persons and/or the environment (surface/ground water, flora, fauna, atmosphere, soil etc.) at or near the workplace.

This unit applies to Defence personnel involved in the monitoring and reporting of hazardous substances as a workplace responsibility but is applicable to all individuals who work in this field. Those undertaking this unit would work independently or as part of a team under, indirect supervision. They must be able to use discretion and judgement and take responsibility for the quality of their outputs. They would perform routine tasks in a range of familiar contexts.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable.

Competency Field

Work health and safety

Unit Sector

Not applicable.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1 Prepare for the identification of a hazardous substance in the workplace

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

1.1 Identify hazardous substances and sources

1.2 Identify and access existing organisational records relevant to the hazardous substance

1.3 Conduct consultation with stakeholders

2 Monitor hazardous substance controls and maintain records

2.1 Conduct workplace walk throughs and observations

2.2 Record and report breaches of protocols, plans and local controls

2.3 Inspect monitoring equipment regularly

2.4 Review workplace hazardous substance and equipment maintenance records

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

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Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides are found on VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for DEFWHS014 Monitor and report on hazardous substances safety

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- Assessment Requirements created drawing upon specified assessment information from superseded unit.

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:

- testing and operating monitoring equipment
- identifying intervention points for expert advice to assist in work and to provide a guide to problem solving.

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:

- hazardous substances likely to be found in the workplace
- WHS requirements relevant to hazardous substances in the workplace.

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.

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