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DEFWHS017 Apply knowledge of WHS legislation

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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 DEFCP008 Apply knowledge of WHS legislation. • Unit code updated • Content and formatting updated to comply with the new standards • All PC transitioned from passive to active voice

Application

This unit describes the skills required to analyse and apply knowledge of Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislation. The application of WHS legislation knowledge is specific to a variety of component processes in safety case activities.

This unit applies to those working in Defence who are not specialists in the field but need the knowledge to inform their decision making and underpins advice to stakeholders. This unit was developed for Defence workers involved in the evaluation and review of safety cases but is applicable to all individuals who work in this field.

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 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 complex tasks in a range of familiar contexts.

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

Competency Field

Work Health & Safety

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the essential outcomes	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the range of conditions section.
1. Access and interpret relevant WHS legislation information	1.1 Identify and obtain relevant WHS legislation requirements. 1.2 Analyse WHS legislation information obtained to determine the relevance and application to the organisation. 1.3 Formulate outcomes of the analysis and determine recommendations relevant to WHS legislation requirements.
2. Use knowledge of WHS legislation	2.1 Apply WHS legislation requirements and recommendations relevant to safety cases. 2.2 Assess, review and record effectiveness of the recommendations. 2.3 Adjust recommendations if required and document for future application.

Foundation Skills

The foundation skills demands of this unit have been mapped for alignment with the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). The following tables outline the performance levels indicated for successful attainment of the unit.

ACSF levels indicative of performance:

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Learning					Reading					Writing					Oral communication NA					Numeracy NA				

Performance variables:

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Support					Context					Text complexity					Task complexity				

Further information on ACSF and the foundation skills underpinning this unit can be found in the Foundation Skills Guide on the GSA website.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit supersedes and is equivalent to DEFCP008 Apply knowledge of WHS legislation.

Links

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Assessment Requirements for DEFWHS017 Apply knowledge of WHS legislation

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1	These Assessment Requirements were released in DEF Defence Training Package release 1.0 and meet the Standards for Training Packages. Assessment Requirements created drawing upon specified assessment information from superseded unit

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the candidate must demonstrate evidence of performance of the following on at least one occasion.

- applying organisational requirements relevant to WHS
- applying statutory requirements relevant to the WHS legislation
- identifying, interpreting and analysing WHS legislation requirements relevant to work being performed
- using appropriate information technology and software
- adhering to relevant compliance requirements
- applying knowledge of WHS legislation to assist in work and to guide problem solving

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the depth of knowledge demonstrated must be appropriate to the job context of the candidate.

- configuration management
- WHS legislation relevant to the work performed
- organisational requirements relevant to WHS
- statutory requirements relevant to safety case and safety systems

Assessment Conditions

Competency should be assessed in an actual workplace or in a simulated environment, with access to equipment and infrastructure appropriate to the outcome. Competency should be demonstrated over time to ensure the candidate is assessed across a variety of situations.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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