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Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to transport vehicle occupants to and from a health care facility or service under emergency circumstances. This includes patients, crew, emergency service and other workers, relatives and assistance animals. The unit includes skills for loading, driving and unloading a vehicle safely, and for checking vehicles and equipment in order to restock and remedy faults.

This unit applies to pre-hospital and out-of-hospital health care workers.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State or Territory legislation, Australian Standards and industry codes of practice.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements define the essential outcomes.

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

1. Prepare and check vehicle and equipment.

- 1.1. Check vehicle and equipment systematically and comprehensively based on local vehicle checklist or inventory.
- 1.2. Conduct vehicle checks on a regular basis according to organisational policies and procedures to ensure continuing serviceability of vehicle and equipment.
- 1.3. Ensure interior and exterior cleanliness of vehicle in accordance with organisational policies and procedures for minimisation of infection risk to vehicle occupants.

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	1.4. Maintain vehicle operating stock to organisational minimum and maximum levels.
	1.5. Maintain vehicle and equipment according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.
2. Ensure faults in vehicle and equipment are remedied.	2.1. Identify and report general nature of faults in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
	2.2. Assess risk of all faults, malfunctioning vehicle or equipment against patient care priorities and notify personnel in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
	2.3. Establish need for additional or replacement resources and communicate to other workers.
3. Convey and receive information relating to emergency transport.	3.1. Establish and maintain communication with control centre according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.
	3.2. Notify receiving facility according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.
4. Load, unload and secure occupants and equipment for emergency transportation.	4.1. Remove patients from scene in a manner consistent with established clinical guidelines and protocols.
	4.2. Load and unload patients smoothly, consistent with safe work practices and according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.
	4.3. Ensure patient illness or injury is not exacerbated by unnecessary movement during loading and unloading of patient.
	4.4. Ensure vehicle occupants are secured in vehicle according to organisational policies and procedures.
	4.5. Organise and secure equipment in accordance with established clinical guidelines and protocols.
5. Transport patient under emergency conditions.	5.1. Establish and maintain communication as required between driver and patient care officer to ensure safe transport and effective patient care.
	5.2. Drive vehicle to current road conditions and in a manner that avoids exacerbation of patient condition.
	5.3. Recognise and negotiate hazards at low risk in accordance with road traffic Acts and legal requirements governing emergency vehicles.
	5.4. Notify vehicle occupants of upcoming hazards to facilitate preparation and management of situation for safety of patient and self.
	5.5. Utilise maps and Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

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as required to navigate to a specified destination.

- 5.6. Choose route to receiving facility according to distance, time, travel and terrain and monitor factors likely to cause delays or route deviations.

Foundation Skills

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

Unit Mapping Information

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Assessment Requirements for HLTOUT006 Transport emergency patients

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Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role.

There must be evidence that the candidate has checked the safety of transport vehicle and safely transported three different emergency patients under operational conditions including:

- loading and unloading
- performing driving skills suited to the case being attended
- assessing and analysing available driving routes using navigation aids and available resources
- efficiently and safely driving patient transfer vehicles under different operational conditions for transport of emergency patients
- adhering to applicable road traffic Acts and regulations

An emergency patient is defined as an individual requiring active treatment by a clinician while en-route to a receiving facility or hospital. It does not necessarily require activation of warning signals, emergency siren and lights.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- methods of loading and unloading patients with life-threatening conditions
- organisational policies and procedures related to:
 - vehicles used for transportation
 - equipment in vehicle
 - vehicle checks

- cleanliness of vehicle
- reporting of faulty vehicle
- risk assessment of faults
- relevant Acts and Regulations
- organisational policies and procedures related to transport of emergency patients including:
 - manual handling and lifting
 - care and restraint of patient and others during transportation
 - emergency patient care procedures during transportation
 - State or Territory road rules and regulations when driving patient transfer vehicles
 - use of communications equipment and systems for transporting emergency patients
- stock inventory and the safe storage and disposal of pharmacological products
- protocols for safe transport of vehicle occupants under priority:
 - patients
 - crew
 - emergency service and other workers
 - clinical staff
 - relatives or carers
 - assistance animals.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in an operational vehicle used for the transport of emergency patients. This should be in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions.

Where simulation is used, it must reflect real working conditions by modelling industry operating conditions and contingencies, as well as using suitable facilities, equipment and resources.

Driving skills must have been demonstrated at least once using simulation prior to any demonstration in the workplace.

Assessment must ensure access to facilities, resources and equipment as per local governing body including:

- transport vehicle
- communication protocols, devices and equipment used in emergency vehicles
- modelling of industry operating conditions including access to real people for simulations and scenarios in transporting emergency patients.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.

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