



Australian Government

PMAWHS320 Provide advanced first aid response

Release: 2

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Modification History

Release 2. Pre-requisite unit updated from HLTAID003 to HLTAID011

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to PMAOHS320C Provide advanced First Aid response

Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to provide advanced first aid response, including life support.

This unit of competency applies to operators who are required to assess the situation, manage casualties, coordinate first aid activities until medical or other assistance arrives, and support other first aid providers.

This unit of competency applies to an individual working alone or as part of a team or group and working in liaison with shift team members and other internal and external personnel, as appropriate.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

HLTAID011 Provide First Aid

Competency Field

Work health and safety

Unit Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

- Assess the situation

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- Identify physical hazards and minimise according to work health and safety (WHS) requirements and workplace procedures
- Assess risks to first aider and others and determine

- response to ensure prompt control of situation
- Manage the casualty
 - Ascertain and prioritise need for emergency services/medical assistance and undertake triage where required
 - Seek agreement for management of casualty injury/illness from appropriate person, where relevant
 - Determine welfare procedure and implement according to casualty needs
 - Control effects of injury and determine first aid management to meet the needs of the casualty and situation
 - Administer medication according to relevant legislation and manufacturer/supplier instructions and subject to casualty regime
 - Monitor and respond to casualty condition in a timely manner in accordance with effective first aid principles
 - Correctly operate life support equipment, where appropriate, according to relevant legislation and manufacturer/supplier instructions
 - Finalise management according to casualty needs and first aid principles
- Coordinate first aid activities until arrival of medical assistance
 - Identify available resources and establish communication links with emergency management services and medical assistance personnel as required
 - Deploy correct amount of resources to appropriate locations in an effective manner to ensure timely arrival of required resources
 - Document provision of resources and recommend modifications
 - Monitor management of casualties in accordance with first aid principles and workplace procedures
 - Coordinate evacuation of casualties according to worksite evacuation procedures
 - Arrange support service for personnel involved in the incident in accordance with workplace principles and procedures
- Communicate essential incident details
 - Maintain communication with relevant personnel using media and equipment
 - Communicate first aid information with other providers/carers to meet their needs and in accordance with workplace procedures
 - Provide information calmly to reassure casualty, adopting a communication style to match casualty level of consciousness

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

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

Range of Conditions

This field allows for different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

Regulatory framework

The latest version of all legislation, regulations, industry codes of practice and Australian/international standards, or the version specified by the local regulatory authority, must be used, and include one or more of the following:

- legislative requirements, including work health and safety (WHS)
- industry codes of practice and guidelines
- environmental regulations and guidelines
- Australian and other standards
- licence and certification requirements

All operations to which this unit applies are subject to stringent health, safety and environment (HSE) requirements, which may be imposed through state/territory or federal legislation, and these must not be compromised at any time. Where there is an apparent conflict between performance criteria and HSE requirements, the HSE requirements take precedence.

Procedures

All operations must be performed in accordance with relevant procedures.

Procedures are written, verbal, visual, computer-based or in some other form, include one or more of the following:

- emergency procedures
- work instructions
- standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- safe work method statements (SWMS)
- formulas/recipes
- batch sheets

- temporary instructions
- any similar instructions provided for the smooth running of the plant

Injuries and conditions managed

Injuries and conditions managed include one or more of the following:

- abdominal injuries
- allergic reactions
- bleeding
- burns (thermal, chemical, friction and electrical)
- cardiac conditions
- chemical contamination
- cold injuries
- crush injuries
- dislocations
- drowning
- envenomation (snake, spider, insect and marine bites)
- environmental conditions (hypothermia, dehydration and heat stroke)
- epilepsy, diabetes, asthma and other medical conditions
- eye injuries
- fractures
- head injuries
- insect/marine bites
- minor skin injuries
- neck and spinal injuries
- needle stick injuries
- poisoning and toxic substances
- respiratory management of asthma and/or choking
- shock
- smoke inhalation
- soft tissue injuries, including sprains, strains, dislocations
- substance abuse and illicit drugs
- unconsciousness, including not breathing and no pulse

First aid management

First aid management includes the following:

- administration of analgesic gases
- administration of medications
- cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- semi-automatic external defibrillator (SAED)
- expired air resuscitation (EAR)
- infection control

- bleeding control
- airway management
- delivery of oxygen
- care of unconscious

First aid management requires consideration of the following:

- location and nature of the workplace
- the environmental conditions (e.g. electricity, biological risks, weather and motor vehicle accidents)
- location of emergency service personnel
- the use and availability of first aid equipment and resources
- infection control
- allergies to medications

Medications include one or more of the following:

- oxygen
- pain relief - paracetamol in accordance with state and territory legislation, analgesics (penthrene, entonox - used in mining industry)
- asthma - aerosol bronchodilators: casualty's own or from first aid kit in accordance with state and territory legislation
- severe allergic reactions - adrenaline: subject to casualty's own regime
- heart attack - aspirin

First aid management must be documented and include, as appropriate, the following:

- time
- fluid intake/output
- blood
- vomit
- faeces
- urine
- administration of medication, including time, date, person administering, dose
- vital signs

First aid principles

Established first aid principles include the following:

- checking the site for danger to self, casualty and others minimising the danger
- checking and maintaining casualty's airway, breathing and

circulation

Resources and equipment

Resources and equipment, appropriate to the risk, include one or more of the following:

- blood pressure cuff
- oxygen resuscitation/cylinders
- defibrillation units
- pressure bandages
- thermometers
- injections
- backboards
- stretchers
- soft bag resuscitator
- first aid kits
- eyewash
- thermal blankets
- pocket face masks
- rubber gloves
- dressing
- spacer device
- cervical collars

Communication systems

Communication systems include one or more of the following:

- mobile phones
- satellite phones
- HF/VHF radio
- flags
- flares
- two-way radio
- email
- electronic equipment
- other communication methods/equipment defined in organisation procedures

Hazards and risks Hazards and risks must be identified and controlled.

Hazards include one or more of the following:

- unavailable first aid equipment (oxygen cylinders and defibrillator)

- bodily fluids
- other hazards associated with casualty management process
- heat, smoke, darkness, dust or other atmospheric hazards
- electricity
- gas
- gases and liquids under pressure
- structural hazards
- structural collapse
- equipment failures
- industrial (machinery, equipment and product)
- equipment or product mass
- noise, rotational equipment or vibration
- plant services (steam, condensate and cooling water)
- limited head spaces or overhangs
- working at heights, in restricted or confined spaces, or in environments subjected to heat, noise, dusts or vapours
- flammability and explosivity
- hazardous products and materials
- unauthorised/other personnel or bystanders
- sharp edges, protrusions or obstructions
- slippery surfaces, spills or leaks
- extreme weather
- other hazards that might arise

Identifying risks requires consideration of specific hazards, including the following:

- what level of harm can occur
- how harm can occur (various chains of events that could result in harm from the hazard)
- the likelihood that harm will occur

Unit Mapping Information

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