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PSPETH001 Uphold the values and principles of public service

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Modification History

Release	Comments
1	This unit was released in PSP Public Sector Training Package release 1.0 and meets the Standards for Training Packages. This unit supersedes and is equivalent to PSPETHC301B Uphold the values and principles of public service. • Unit code updated • Content and formatting updated to comply with new standards • All PC transitioned from passive to active voice

Application

This unit describes the skills required to demonstrate ethical conduct required of those in public service. It includes applying ethical standards and dealing with ethical problems.

This unit applies to those working in public sector roles but may be applied to anyone working in a similar organisational context.

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 will generally work independently and as part of a team. They would perform routine tasks in a range of familiar contexts.

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

Competency Field

Ethics

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. Apply ethical standards	1.1 Review interpretation of ethical values and principles with senior staff to ensure accuracy. 1.2 Apply ethical standards when preparing verbal and written advice and reports. 1.3 Use public resources ethically, ensuring conflicts of interest are declared, addressed and documented. 1.4 Apply ethical standards in all relationships with the public, suppliers and business contacts.
2. Deal with ethical problems	2.1 Resolve ethical problems or refer as required. 2.2 Document all decision-making processes used and record outcomes. 2.3 Implement preventative strategies. 2.4 Report unethical conduct.

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					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 PSPETHC301B Uphold the values and principles of public service.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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Assessment Requirements for PSPETH001 Uphold the values and principles of public service

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1	These Assessment Requirements were released in PSP Public Sector 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. The candidate must demonstrate evidence of performance of the following on at least one occasion:

- applying objective and impartial evaluation of conflicting requirements
- preparing written advice and reports requiring accuracy of expression
- accessing legislation and codes of ethics electronically or in hard copy
- tailoring communication to suit different audiences

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.

- fundamental ethical principles, including at least one of:
 - justice
 - respect for persons
 - procedural fairness
 - confidentiality
 - responsible care
- values of public sector office
- natural justice/procedural fairness
- ethical decision making/problem solving models, organisational codes and procedures and how to access these
- procedures for declaring conflicts of interest
- protocols for reporting fraud, corruption and maladministration

Assessment Conditions

This unit contains no specific industry-mandated assessment conditions. Guidance on suggested and recommended conditions and methods can be found in the Implementation Guide.

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

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