



Australian Government

PUAAMS006 Coordinate search and rescue resources

Release: 1

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the PUA Public Safety Training Package.

Application

This unit involves the skills and knowledge required to identify, procure and task human and physical resources for Search and Rescue (SAR), in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.

The unit is applicable to individuals undertaking limited search and rescue activities in support of national SAR authorities. Team members and crews may be members of a range of government or non-government organisations and/or agencies.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable.

Competency Field

Aviation Marine Search and Rescue

Unit Sector

Aviation Marine Search and Rescue

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1 Obtain required resources

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

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| 1.1 | Tasks are prioritised and analysed to determine resource requirements, in accordance with the rescue plan |
| 1.2 | Availability of required resources is determined using intelligence gathering methods |

- 1.3** Strategies for obtaining required resources are identified and resources are obtained as determined by the necessities of the search and rescue activity, in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
- 2 Organise resources**
- 2.1** Resources are assessed and allocated, in accordance with their suitability for the task, equipment carried and availability consistent with organisational policies and procedures
- 2.2** Resources are coordinated to ensure timely completion of tasks within physical and environmental constraints
- 2.3** Personnel are encouraged and motivated to complete tasks consistent with organisational policies and procedures
- 2.4** Personnel needs are continually reviewed, in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
- 2.5** Support considerations for personnel are taken into account, in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
- 2.6** Resource needs are continually reviewed based on available intelligence
- 3 Liaise with supporting authorities**
- 3.1** Contacts are identified in supporting authorities to facilitate liaison and cooperation
- 3.2** Details of contacts, resources and/or services are recorded and maintained, in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
- 3.3** Role and support capabilities of other search and rescue authorities are determined through liaison and consultation and exchange of information, in accordance with organisational policies and procedures
- 3.4** Procedures for activation, deactivation and advising other search and rescue authorities and/or organisations and agencies are initiated, in accordance with organisational policies

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

This unit replaces and is equivalent to PUAAMS006B Coordinate search and rescue resources.

Links

PUA Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide is found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=3eca5672-6d5a-410b-8942-810d0ba05bbf>

Assessment Requirements for PUAAMS006 Coordinate search and rescue resources

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Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all the requirements of the elements and performance criteria on at least one occasion and includes

- accessing databases for contact names and numbers for resource allocations
- allocating assets to suit situation
- applying organisational policies and procedures including Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- assessing capabilities and limitations of assets and continually reviewing resources
- collecting and analysing information
- communicating and consulting with a range of individuals using a range of methods
- identifying and obtaining resources
- liaising with supporting authorities
- organising and/or seconding resources
- working as part of a team including successfully negotiation outcomes

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include knowledge of

- assets that are suitable for land, maritime and coastal searches
- equipment and performance of resources available for Search and Rescue (SAR)
- intelligence gathering methods
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures including Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) legislated requirements, risk mitigation, personnel entitlements, administrative procedures and policy relating to secondment of Australian Defence Force assets for SAR operations
- physical and environmental constraints
- resources including human resource requirements
- roles and responsibilities within rescue coordination centres
- state of technical maintenance for search and rescue resources

Assessment Conditions

As a minimum, assessors must satisfy applicable regulatory requirements, which include requirements in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

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Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations where it is appropriate to do so; where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in simulated workplace operational situations that replicate 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.

Note: On the job assessment will not entail additional resources. However, rosters may need to be amended for simulation e.g. Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX).

Resources for assessment must include access to

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
- relevant and appropriate materials, equipment, tools and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry
- applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operations manuals.

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