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Assessment Requirements for PUAAMS007 Coordinate search and rescue operations

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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.

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

- applying datum search planning principles
- collecting and analysing information
- communicating and consulting with a range of individuals using approved methods
- communicating information
- developing search area to suit available assets including determining a search pattern and track spacing
- evaluating operational directions
- following organisational policies and procedures including Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- identifying potential search patterns and their use for terrains
- planning for results
- preparing search and rescue plans and making recommendations based on research to those in charge
- using initiative to achieve goals
- utilising rescue planning principles

Knowledge Evidence

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

- communication techniques
- coronial requirements in relation to search and rescue
- environmental factors
- hypothermia and hyperthermia factors
- industry standards including national and international search and rescue manuals or reference texts
- legislation relevant to the operation, incident, response and organisation
- operational, corporate and strategic plans

- organisational policies and procedures including operating procedures, performance standards, quality standards, Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements and risk mitigation
- personnel practices and guidelines
- physiological factors
- potential rescue platform capabilities and limitations
- risk management principles
- safe work practices
- team building and coaching concepts

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.

Resources for assessment must include access to

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations
 - on the job assessment will not entail additional resources however, rosters may need to be amended for simulation e.g. search and rescue exercises
- 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.

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>