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Assessment Requirements for PUAAMS008 Manage search and rescue operations

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.

Performance 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 on at least one occasion and includes

- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- communicating and consulting with a range of individuals including conducting briefings
- conveying strategies and plans to team members
- coordinating team members
- developing strategies to undertake search and rescue operations based on information available
- following organisational policies and procedures
- liaising with internal and external authorities, agencies and organisations
- making search and rescue operational decisions
- managing communication systems
- managing search and rescue records
- successfully negotiating outcomes
- utilising negotiation techniques
- writing reports and maintaining records

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

- coaching and team building concepts including guidance and support
- communication systems available within the rescue coordination centre
- communication techniques including briefings
- equipment and resources for search and rescue operations
- management techniques
- organisational documentation including reports and report
- organisational policies, procedures and protocols
- personal abilities and competence levels

- personnel entitlements and administrative procedures
- search and rescue resource capabilities and limitations
- team member capabilities
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including risk mitigation

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
 - Note: the roster may need to be amended if simulation e.g. search and rescue exercise is selected as the method of assessment
- 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>