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Assessment Requirements for PUAECO008

Receive and action notification of uncontrolled hazardous materials situations

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 and performance criteria on at least one occasion and includes

- applying definitions of hazardous substances or dangerous goods to information received
- gathering and analysing information gathered about uncontrolled hazardous materials or dangerous goods situation or substance
- identifying specific hazardous materials at scene
- implementing organisational policies, procedures and guidelines
- obtaining sufficient information and interpreting it in relation to a hazardous materials and/or dangerous goods situation from caller and transmitting to attending personnel
- operating communications centre equipment

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 includes knowledge of

- definitions and types of dangerous goods, hazardous substances and specific hazardous materials
- nature and properties of specific hazardous materials
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures
- organisational response protocols to hazardous materials incidents
- resources including types of personal protective clothing and equipment
- roles of other organisations and agencies attending hazardous materials and/or dangerous goods situations
- sources of hazardous material and dangerous goods information

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 processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in industry approved simulated workplace operational situations that reflect workplace conditions.

Competency must be demonstrated during emergency communications centre operations or simulated operations that include a range of different hazardous materials situations.

Assessment must confirm the ability to interrogate callers to determine whether hazardous materials are present at a scene and to obtain sufficient and relevant information to be able to confirm the type of hazard present, using a range of documentation.

Assessment must also confirm the ability to access information about a hazardous material, undertake safety considerations using a range of documentation and to transmit this to personnel in the field.

Resources for assessment must include access to

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or other simulations
- relevant and appropriate materials, equipment, tools and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry including
 - organisational protocols and documentation, backup systems, databases and reference material for hazardous materials identification
- applicable documentation including organisational policies and procedures, industry standards, regulations, codes of practice, equipment specifications, operations and systems 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>