



Australian Government

PUAEME002 Manage injuries at emergency incident

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 of competency involves the skills and knowledge required to manage injuries at an emergency which may include the use of equipment. It includes assessing the scene and the casualty, implementing emergency management procedures, moving the casualty and completing required documentation.

The unit is applicable to all public safety personnel who are required to provide a basic level of ongoing injury management at an incident beyond critical live saving techniques. It is not designed for personnel whose primary response role is one of emergency care, first aid or pre-hospital care.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

PUAEME001 Provide emergency care

Competency Field

Emergency Care

Unit Sector

Public Safety

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1 Assess scene

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

1.1 Initial assessment is made of the extent and nature of emergency care required

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| | 1.2 | Hazards are identified, risks are assessed and appropriate action is taken to safeguard against injury |
| | 1.3 | Identify and communicate additional or specific resource requirements to relevant personnel |
| 2 Assess casualty | 2.1 | Identified injuries are managed, in accordance with approved emergency care and management plan |
| | 2.2 | Treatment is monitored, assessed and management plan is amended, in response to change in condition of the casualty and/or environment |
| | 2.3 | Additional or specific resources are identified and communicated to authorised personnel |
| 3 Implement emergency management procedures | 3.1 | Immediate lifesaving treatment is administered as determined, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 3.2 | Signs and symptoms of shock are recognised and managed |
| | 3.3 | Vital signs are monitored and recorded at regular intervals |
| | 3.4 | Equipment is used according to casualty's condition and availability, in accordance with organisational procedures and manufacturers' specifications |
| 4 Move casualty | 4.1 | Moving casualty to a safer location is assessed |
| | 4.2 | Casualty is moved, in accordance with organisational procedures and operational protocols |
| | 4.3 | Continual assessment of casualty is conducted, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 4.4 | Treatment is maintained while moving patient |
| 5 Complete documentation | 5.1 | Details of casualty condition and response to treatment are accurately recorded, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 5.2 | Handover of casualty and documentation to medical personnel is conducted, in accordance with organisational procedures |

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 PUAEME002C Manage injuries at emergency incident.

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 PUAEME002 Manage injuries at emergency incident

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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

- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- assessing casualty for injuries
- assessing hazards and evaluating risks when assessing an emergency
- communicating with casualties and others
- completing organisational documentation
- following organisational policies and procedures
- identifying and communicating resources required
- implementing emergency management procedures including administering lifesaving treatment and developing and amending management plans in response to treatment maintaining treatment and continual monitoring whilst casualty is moved
- monitoring and recording vital signs
- performing casualty handover including documentation to medical personnel
- providing reports to paramedical personnel
- selecting and operating equipment including oxygen resuscitation, defibrillation, first aid kit, stretchers, spinal immobilisation collards, spinal immobilisation frames and/or devices, fracture immobilisation devices and stokes litter

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

- casualty injury assessment, management plans and treatments
- communication techniques and protocols
- current practices and procedures in emergency care
- equipment and manufacturers' operating instructions
- immediate lifesaving treatments including crush injury syndrome, contraindications, wound management, basic toxicology, environmental exposure, spinal injuries and head injuries
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures

- potential risks when moving a casualty
- resuscitation techniques
- signs, symptoms and management of shock including absolute, hypovolaemic and/or relative treatments for assessed injury
- vital signs, how to monitor and record
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including hazards and 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 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.

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 including
 - oxygen resuscitation, defibrillation, first aid kit, stretchers, spinal immobilisation, collards, spinal immobilisation frames/devices, fracture immobilisation devices and stokes litter
- access may be required to shore based transport, an ambulance and/or helicopter depending on context applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

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