



Australian Government

Assessment Requirements for PUAOPE027 Undertake beach safety management activities

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the 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

- accessing and interpreting data
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- assessing beach conditions including identifying rips and wave types
- communicating with public, colleagues and stakeholders
- completing beach surveillance and rescue recovery
- coordinating a range of beach related issues and/or rescues
- coordinating a rescue situation
- finalising organisational documentation
- following organisational policies and procedures
- managing a range of situations in a calm and concise manner
- planning safest swimming location
- reporting to operational command
- responding to casualties in distress
- setting up for beach surveillance and appropriately locating signage and equipment
- undertaking a risk assessment
- undertaking preventative actions
- using rescue 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

- beach conditions including dangers associated with different wave types
- casualty rescues
- characteristics and limitations of equipment
- different types of beaches and associated hazards
- industry standards for signage and beach safety including use of Australian Beach Safety and Management Program (ABSAMP) local government by-laws and regulations

- organisational documentation, policies and procedures
- organisational operating procedures and structure including roles and responsibilities
- other emergency organisations and skilled personnel
- weather forecasts and impact on beach conditions
- 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 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 should be assessed during patrol activities as a part of structured beach set up and surveillance scenario throughout a range of 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
 - rescue equipment, patrol personnel and a range of beaches with varying conditions
- applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operation 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>