



Australian Government

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.

Application

This unit of competency involves the skills and knowledge required to coordinate beach surveillance and rescues as a part of beach safety management activities. It includes preparing for beach surveillance and rescue, undertaking preventative actions, responding to casualties in distress, completing beach surveillance and rescue recovery requirements.

The unit is applicable for personnel from emergency services and organisations where beach surveillance and rescue is coordinated as part of beach safety management activities.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Not applicable

Competency Field

Operations

Unit Sector

Public Safety

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1 Prepare for beach surveillance and rescue

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1** Duty information is obtained from the supervisor or communications centre
- 1.2** Beach conditions and weather forecasts are accessed and are reviewed

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| | 1.3 | Availability of appropriately skilled personnel is ensured to meet forecast beach and weather conditions and organisational requirements |
| | 1.4 | Pre-use check of equipment and its' availability is completed, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| 2 Undertake preventative actions | 2.1 | Beach and surf conditions are evaluated |
| | 2.2 | Safest swimming location is determined, and signage is erected, in accordance with organisational procedures and industry standards |
| | 2.3 | Equipment is located, in accordance with organisational procedures and industry standards |
| | 2.4 | Operational command is notified of availability of personnel for duty |
| | 2.5 | Public is informed about potential beach and bathing hazards |
| 3 Respond to casualties in distress | 3.1 | Casualties in distress are identified or information about casualties in distress is received from team members or the public |
| | 3.2 | Incident details are gathered, and risk assessment of casualties and incident is undertaken, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 3.3 | Appropriate rescue method and equipment is determined and employed |
| | 3.4 | Operational command is notified of rescue situation and continuous updates are provided, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 3.5 | Management of casualty is coordinated, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 3.6 | Liaison is undertaken with emergency services, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| | 3.7 | Completion of casualty handover to ambulance personnel is undertaken, where applicable, in accordance with organisational procedures |
| 4 Complete beach surveillance and rescue | 4.1 | Operational command is notified of end of service |

recovery requirements

provision

- 4.2** Post operational checks and maintenance are completed
- 4.3** Organisational personnel are debriefed, in accordance with organisational procedures
- 4.4** Organisational documentation is completed

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 PUAOPE027A Undertake beach safety management activities.

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 PUAOPE027 Undertake beach safety management activities

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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

- 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.

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