



Australian Government

PUASAR003 Develop plans for deployment of a USAR team

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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 prepare and develop Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team plans for the deployment of a USAR team. It includes analysing operational requirements arising from an incident and determining requisite team capabilities needed by the team prior to deployment.

The unit is applicable to personnel within the incident management team with responsibility for the development of deployment plans for a USAR team. Compliance with legislative or regulatory requirements of Australian jurisdictions or the host country may be required. The authorisation to perform this role is subject to organisational policies and procedures.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

PUACOM007 Liaise with other organisations

PUACOM012 Liaise with media at a local level

PUAEMR002 Assess emergency risk

PUAMAN007 Manage financial resources

PUAOPE015 Conduct briefings and debriefings

Competency Field

Search and Rescue

Unit Sector

Not applicable

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential Performance criteria describe the performance needed to

outcomes.

demonstrate achievement of the element.

1 Prepare USAR team for mobilisation

- 1.1** Request for support is received and team leader is briefed by relevant personnel with roles and responsibilities confirmed
- 1.2** Organisations and/or agencies involved in the emergency incident are confirmed and liaison arrangements established, as required
- 1.3** Transport, welfare, communication and mobilisation plans are prepared and documented for USAR team deployment, in accordance with the emergency management arrangements and the policies and procedures of the state, territory or country requesting assistance
- 1.4** Risk management processes are utilised when developing transport, welfare and mobilisation plans
- 1.5** USAR team resources are organised and recorded in accordance with asset management principles and procedures used by the organisation
- 1.6** Reception and departure centre establishment plans are developed for receiving incoming emergency response teams, in accordance with organisational procedures
- 1.7** Financial considerations when deploying a USAR team are factored into the planning for mobilisation and deployment of resources
- 1.8** Reports and summaries are maintained, in accordance with organisational procedures
- 1.9** Deployment notification processes are implemented, in accordance with the policies and procedures of the state, territory or country requesting USAR team
- 1.10** USAR team briefing is conducted using Situation, Mission, Execution, Administration/logistics, Command/control and Safety (SMEACS) format

2 Establish arrangements for mobilisation of USAR team

- 2.1** Reception and departure centre is established and incoming emergency response teams are processed and briefing paper for incoming team is prepared
- 2.2** USAR team reconnaissance and forward deployment capabilities are confirmed, in accordance with agreed

		USAR protocols
	2.3	Plans are developed for initial USAR team operations
	2.4	USAR team is briefed on situational and cultural sensitivities of the country or location to which they are being deployed
3 Develop plans to support USAR team ongoing arrangements	3.1	Communication plan is updated and documented
	3.2	Media plan is prepared, implemented, managed and communicated to the USAR team, in accordance with organisational procedures
	3.3	Evacuation plan is prepared, in accordance with organisational procedures
	3.4	Demobilisation plan is prepared and documented, in accordance with organisational procedures
4 Complete USAR team administration information	4.1	USAR information sources and relevant plans are identified
	4.2	Information is collated in a form suitable for analysis, interpretation and distribution
	4.3	Information system is used to store and retrieve information that will be used in USAR planning and decision making
	4.4	Reports and team support information is prepared and distributed to appropriate personnel

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 PUASAR035 Develop plans for deployment of a USAR task force.

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 PUASAR003 Develop plans for deployment of a USAR team

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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 including risk management processes
- assessing requests for assistance and preparing USAR team capability and resources
- completing USAR team administration information
- creating reception and departure centre including central point for cross border processes, liaison point for incoming USAR teams and logistical supply point for incoming teams
- delegating tasks including roles and responsibilities
- developing plans to support USAR team ongoing arrangements
- establishing arrangements for mobilisation of a USAR team
- implementing plans including commutation, demobilisation, deployment, evacuation, media, mobilisation, transport of USAR team resources and welfare plan arrangements
- implementing risk management processes to planning
- leading and managing personnel
- liaising with media
- managing budgets and finances
- preparing and documenting communication, demobilisation, evacuation, mobilisation, transport and welfare plans
- preparing briefing paper for incoming teams using Situation, Mission, Execution, Administration/Logistics, Command/Signal and Safety (SMEACS)
- preparing USAR team for mobilisation
- preparing, implementing, communicating and managing media plan
- supporting emergency response teams

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

- asset management principles
- Australian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) and New Zealand

Coordinated incident Management System (CIMS)

- communication plan
- demobilisation plan including decontamination, disposal, donation and rehabilitation of cache post operations, logistics planning, notification and transport arrangements
- deployment notification processes including notification method and processes as applied within the state, territory or nation and utilisation of preplanning information regarding personnel availability
- emergency management arrangements, policies and procedures including facility emergency response plan
- evacuation plan including emergency and medical evacuation
- financial considerations when deploying a USAR team
- legislation, regulations and codes of practice
- media plan including briefing notes, point of contact for media, policy for media engagement and talking points
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures
- organisations and/or agencies involved in emergency incident
- other organisations, agencies and personnel that may be used
- planning processes
- plans for transport, welfare and mobilisation
- procedures for establishing a reception and departure centre for incoming emergency response teams
- processes for emergency response teams
- purpose of reconnaissance
- requests for support
- roles and responsibilities of USAR management team members including
 - coordination and allocation of resources under their supervision
 - implementing their portion of the incident action plan
 - maintaining effective two-way information flows within the incident control structure
 - reporting on incident situation, the progress of operations, emerging risks and the status of resources
- types of briefings and debriefings including use of Situation, Mission, Execution, Administration/logistics, Command/control and Safety (SMEACS)
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including risk management principles and processes

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
- relevant and appropriate materials, equipment, tools and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry including
 - personnel for team based rescues
 - rescue, recovery, safety, first aid and activity specific equipment and resources
 - simulated swiftwater and floodwater location
- applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operations manuals.

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