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Assessment Requirements for PUASAR013 Participate in an aquatic rescue operation

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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 safe work practices in rescue operations
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including applying risk mitigation
- completing organisational documentation
- concluding rescue operations
- following organisational policies and procedures
- identifying, recording, preparing and extricating casualties
- implementing hygiene precautions and security procedures
- participating as a team member
- participating in assessing aquatic rescue scene
- participating in briefings and debriefings
- preparing and performing aquatic rescue
- recognising and reporting on signs of stress
- recovering, cleaning and maintaining equipment including reporting damaged equipment in accordance with organisational procedures
- responding and reacting to instructions in a safe and timely manner
- selecting and wearing personal protective clothing and equipment
- using appropriate communication techniques and terminology
- using rescue equipment
- working on a constantly moving platform

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

- capabilities and limitations of rescue equipment
- casualty handling techniques
- communication techniques including hand signals
- environmental conditions and hazards

- hygiene precautions
- manual handling techniques
- nationally agreed hazard marking systems
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures including procedures for reporting injuries and accidents
- personal capabilities
- personal hygiene
- personal protective clothing and equipment
- rescue equipment
- rescue operations including surface search and clearance of casualties
- roles and responsibilities of team members
- safety precautions including situation awareness
- signs and symptoms of stress
- 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 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.

Competency must be demonstrated in a range of rescue operations whilst on the job or in a simulated environment performed under a variety of weather 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 used in industry including
 - access to rescue equipment and a suitable environment to conduct a range of rescue operations
- applicable documentation including organisational procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operations 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>