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Assessment Requirements for PUASAR015 Crew small powercraft in a 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 patient care including handling casualty safely
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including safety principles and the identification and monitoring of hazards
- assisting operator to transport powercraft
- assisting with powercraft recovery and restoring
- communicating with team members and /or casualties
- completing operational logbooks and documentation
- crewing powercraft confidently and safely in a rescue operation
- following organisational policies and procedures
- launching and stabilising powercraft through surf aquatic environment
- loading and manoeuvring a vessel safely using manual handling methods
- manoeuvring a small powercraft without an operational motor in a rescue operation
- participating in emergency procedures
- performing a rescue
- preparing powercraft for operations including pre-launch checks
- rescuing and retrieving people and recovering objects from water
- securing powercraft using knots and lashings
- using recognised signals, rescue tubes and rescue and ancillary equipment
- wearing personal protective clothing and 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

- characteristics of small powercraft equipment including ancillary equipment
- cleaning and discarding equipment to meet environmental management and sustainability requirements
- effects of wind, tide, swell and ocean floor on surf/aquatic environment conditions
- emergency procedures

- features and signs of rips, gutters, sweeps and currents
- hazards and environmental threats
- manual handling methods
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures including operating procedures
- organisational standards
- patient care
- personal protective clothing and equipment
- powercraft manoeuvring
- powercraft operating procedures
- retrieval techniques
- self-rescue techniques
- surf and aquatic environmental awareness including beach safety zones
- surf and aquatic environmental hazards
- surf and aquatic environmental survival techniques
- types of waves and their characteristic features
- 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 over one or more exercises, scenarios or incidents to develop confident boat crewing and may involve setting scenarios to be completed by a rescue boat crew.

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
 - equipment used in rescue boat operations
 - open water
 - range of challenging surf or aquatic environmental conditions relevant to the area of 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>