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Assessment Requirements for PUASAR016

Operate and maintain a personal water craft for rescue operations

Release: 1

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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

- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- assessing rescue scene
- completing operational logbooks and documentation
- finalising rescue operations and recovery requirements including conducting post operational checks and maintenance
- following organisational policies and procedures
- identifying risks and avoiding hazards for rescue operations
- implementing emergency procedures
- interpreting surf conditions
- manoeuvring Personal Water Craft (PWC) to meet with surf conditions including moving PWC safely
- obtaining operational feedback
- operating a PWC safely during rescue operations in a range of surf conditions
- participating in rescue operation briefings and debriefings including receiving task information
- performing rescue safely including implementing a safe passage and transferring casualties safely
- preparing for PWC operations including conducting pre-operational checks
- utilising 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

- equipment characteristics and limitations
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures including PWC operational procedures and procedures for cleaning and discarding equipment in terms of environmental

- management and sustainability
- personal protective clothing and equipment
- retrieval techniques
- search and rescue techniques for rescue operations
- self-rescue techniques for rescue operations
- situation awareness
- surf awareness including beach safety zones
- surf hazards
- surf survival techniques
- types of waves and their characteristic features including effects of wind, tide, swell and ocean floor on surf conditions and features and signs of rips, gutters, sweeps and currents
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) legislated 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 in a range of actual or simulated surf conditions where it is appropriate to do so; where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in industry approved 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
 - equipment used in Personal Water Craft (PWC) rescue operations
 - open water
 - range of challenging surf conditions relevant to 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>

