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Assessment Requirements for PUASES008

Undertake storm and water damage 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 area isolation techniques
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- communicating with stakeholders about situational awareness, safety and operational requirements
- completing operations including participating in operational debriefs
- completing organisational documentation
- constructing sandbag barriers and temporary repairs
- identifying and using equipment and tools
- identifying hazards and implementing risk assessment and control measures
- meeting reporting requirements
- preparing for storm and water operations including using task information
- providing information which assists with operations
- recognising and reporting operational stress
- removing debris safely
- returning equipment to operational readiness after use
- supporting roof and height crews to complete operations
- taking precautions against electrical hazards
- undertaking situational awareness
- undertaking storm and water operations
- undertaking water diversions
- using initiative to operate effectively under direction
- using mitigation techniques to minimise and/or restrict water damage
- utilising temporary structural weather proofing techniques to minimise further damage and to make safe
- wearing appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment working safely

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

- anchors either constructed or improvised characteristics and limitations of equipment and tools
- emergency public information and warning techniques
- equipment and tools including types of pumps and power tools suitable for use
- hazard identification and risk control techniques
- height operations
- legislation related to storm and water operations including entry into property and/or workplaces
- operational and task information requirements
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures
- organisational policies and procedures including performance standards, personnel roles and responsibilities and Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety requirements, practices and guidelines
- potential stakeholders
- processes and procedures for debriefings
- resources and techniques for communicating with the community
- safety principles and practices
- set up, placement and access to tools and equipment including using safe access techniques
- signs and symptoms of operational stress
- situational awareness processes
- storm and water damage mitigation techniques
- structural integrity
- support organisations and agencies
- water diversions techniques including earth walls, fabricated barriers, work area isolation, temporary repairs and sandbagging
- working at height systems

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.

Resources for assessment must include access to

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or simulations including
 - storm damage and flood mitigation operations and/or scenarios as a member of a team acting under direction and supervision
- relevant and appropriate materials, equipment, tools and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry including
 - access to a response team
- 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>