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Assessment Requirements for PUASES016

Apply snowcraft skills when performing search 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

- anticipating current and future conditions and other factors
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including hazard identification, risk management and working safely
- communicating with team members
- completing recall and stand down procedures including debriefings
- constructing temporary emergency snow shelters
- identifying food and water requirements
- implementing organisational policies and procedures
- interpreting weather conditions and/or information
- meeting physical and psychological requirements
- performing and applying survival techniques in an alpine environment including conducting lost searcher drills and applying first aid
- preparing for operation in an alpine environment
- recognising and reporting stress
- sustaining welfare of self and others
- travelling in an alpine environment over snow
- undertaking search operations in an alpine environment including using observation skills and marking boundaries
- using snow equipment including 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

- communication techniques
- factors and conditions that may impact search operations
- factors that impact avalanches including terrain
- first aid inclusive of the signs, symptoms and treatment of hypothermia
- memorandums of understanding, agreements and codes of practice

- minimisation of environmental impact
- organisational documentation, policies and procedures including the procedures for cleaning and discarding equipment
- physical and psychological requirements
- signs and symptoms of stress
- snow equipment including personal protective clothing and equipment
- snow shelter construction techniques
- sources of information on weather and snow conditions
- survival techniques including food, water and shelter
- Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) legislated requirements including hazard identification, risk mitigation and safe working practices

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
 - at least two hazards which are applicable to taking part in activities in an alpine environment in variable weather and conditions
- relevant and appropriate materials, tools and personal protective clothing and equipment currently used in industry including
 - equipment used in alpine 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>