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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- for a particular setting in which outdoor recreational activities are delivered:
 - research information on the following and provide a broad summary in a written report:
 - environmental, cultural and heritage characteristics of the setting and any unique aspects
 - environmental management strategies and minimal impact codes implemented by land managers, owners or custodians for the setting
 - any regulated parameters of land use
 - any requirements for permits or permissions and conditions that relate to the use of appropriate minimal environmental practices and cultural protocols
 - develop and document two minimal impact plans:
 - one for a whole program of activities for a particular type of outdoor recreation activity
 - one for an individual activity session for a different type of outdoor recreation activity
 - within the above plans, document minimal impact practices and codes of conduct to be used by delivery personnel and participants
 - utilise options provided in Assessment Conditions to:
 - evaluate feedback received from delivery personnel and stakeholders about minimal impact practices
 - determine how to modify aspects of future practices according to evaluation.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- as relevant to the activity setting:
 - the applicable state, territory, local government, land management authority, owner or Indigenous custodians with oversight of the setting and:

- their roles and responsibilities and the key aspects of land management strategies they use to regulate environmental impact, including that to heritage or cultural sites
- regulated parameters of location use for recreational activities: area restrictions, dispersal of use, allowable activity types, locations, times, participant numbers
- minimal impact codes they have developed which can or must be adopted
- cultural protocols that should or must be followed
- requirements for permits or permissions and conditions that relate to the use of appropriate minimal environmental practices
- key features of ecological systems and their interrelationships sufficient to understand the overall environmental characteristics of the setting
- specific problems of fragile environments and threatened species
- characteristics and sensitivities of unique aspects including those for cultural and heritage sites
- causes of environmental damage and consequences as they relate to specific outdoor recreation activities:
 - use of equipment
 - human impact
 - equine impact, as relevant
 - impact of transportation to and from activity sites
- minimal impact practices implemented by recreational organisations:
 - avoiding sensitive areas
 - dispersing activities across areas to decentralise use
 - choosing activities, routes and types of transportation appropriate for the setting
 - using low impact equipment
 - limiting group size
 - implementing basic biosecurity measures to limit the spread of pests and diseases
 - using appropriate general and human waste disposal practices
 - adopting or developing participant codes of conduct for minimal impact and cultural respect
- format and inclusions of:
 - minimal impact plans
 - codes of conduct
- techniques used to determine the nature and degree of impact:
 - identifying the extent or spatial scale of the impact
 - identifying intensity or severity of the impact
 - identifying duration of the impact
 - evaluating stakeholder feedback or concerns
- protocols for making contact and communicating with people, organisations and Indigenous communities to enable effective consultation.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment must ensure use of:

- at least one site inspection of the setting where the proposed outdoor recreation activities will be delivered
- information about the setting to allow the individual to assess its characteristics and any regulatory or other requirements that apply:
 - environmental, cultural and heritage characteristics of the setting and any unique aspects
 - environmental management strategies and minimal impact codes implemented by land managers or custodians for the setting
 - any regulated parameters of land use
 - any requirements for permits or permissions and conditions that relate to the use of appropriate minimal environmental practices and cultural protocols
- template or sample:
 - minimal impact plans for recreational activities
 - codes of conduct
- stakeholders with whom the individual can interact; these can be:
 - stakeholders in an industry environment, or
 - people who participate in role plays or simulated activities during the assessment
- real workplace situations, or simulated activities, or case study scenarios that test aspects of this unit that relate to:
 - evaluating feedback from delivery personnel and stakeholders about minimal impact practices
 - modifying aspects of practices according to evaluation.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations requirements for assessors, and:

- have a collective period of at least three years' experience with an organisation providing recreational programs where they have applied the skills and knowledge covered in this unit of competency; the three years' experience can incorporate full and or part time experience.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=1ca50016-24d2-4161-a044-d3faa200268b>