



Australian Government

SITTGDE002 Work as a guide

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to work effectively as a guide. It covers key legal, ethical, safety, environmental and professional development issues that guides must consider in their day-to-day work.

This unit applies to guides who may work across multiple industry sectors as employees, volunteers, or independent contractors. They may operate within a single site, or in a particular city, region or tourist precinct, but often move across sites, cities and regions.

Guides apply discretion and judgement within established organisational procedures, and when guiding a tour or activity they take a lead role without supervision. Sometimes guides are the owner-operators of small tour operations.

Tour guides, residing anywhere in Australia, are required to undertake training and assessment prescribed by Parks Australia to guide within Kakadu and Uluru–Kata Tjuta National Parks in the Northern Territory.

When working in Queensland, all guides, regardless of their place of residence, are subject to the Queensland Tourism Services Act 2003.

No other occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Guiding

Unit Sector

Tourism

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

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| 1. Plan guiding activity. | 1.1. Identify key guide information sources and contacts.
1.2. Review required roles and responsibilities for prospective guiding activity.
1.3. Plan resource, labour and logistical aspects of the guiding activity.
1.4. Use industry knowledge and guide networks to enhance the quality of guiding services provided to customers. |
| 2. Communicate with tourism industry operators. | 2.1. Liaise with internal and external stakeholders to organise all aspects of the guiding activity.
2.2. Achieve mutual understanding and agree on details relevant to guiding activities.
2.3. Provide accurate information and explanations about customer requirements and special requests.
2.4. Identify nature and key facts of operational problems and provide appropriate solutions in consultation with tourism operator. |
| 3. Guide tours or activities. | 3.1. Conduct guiding activities according to legal, industry and safety requirements.
3.2. Actively participate in risk assessment as an integral part of work activities.
3.3. Take account of ethical considerations for particular contexts.
3.4. Support sustainable work practices. |
| 4. Develop guiding skills and knowledge. | 4.1. Identify and use opportunities to update knowledge and skills required by guides.
4.2. Maintain knowledge of technologies used by guides.
4.3. Identify and access sources of guide support when required.
4.4. Share knowledge with colleagues to enhance quality of service provided to customers. |

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance in this unit, but not explicit in the performance criteria are listed here, along with a brief context statement.

SKILLS

DESCRIPTION

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| Reading skills to: | • read and interpret industry codes of practice and regulations. |
| Writing skills to: | • complete risk assessment documentation. |

- Problem-solving skills to:
- evaluate legal, ethical, safety and sustainability issues and requirements for guiding activities
 - make decisions on appropriate behaviours and actions.
- Initiative and enterprise skills to:
- make contingency plans when required, to deal with unexpected circumstances.
- Teamwork skills to:
- work effectively with industry operators.

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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Assessment Requirements for SITTGDE002 Work as a guide

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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:

- plan and conduct three guiding activities with different customers or groups which involve:
 - liaising with one or more tourism industry operators
 - identifying potential operational problems and appropriate solutions
 - incorporating client requirements and special requests
- undertake a full risk assessment for each of the above guiding activities that:
 - identifies inherent risks
 - identifies hazards
 - reports on hazards
- demonstrate how legal, ethical, safety and sustainability requirements have been met in the planning of each of the above guiding activities.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- interrelationship between tour operations and wholesaling sectors and the role of guiding in the tourism industry
- cultural considerations in dealing with industry colleagues, customers, suppliers and local communities
- roles and responsibilities for guides, and the specific roles of each of these guides:
 - adventure guides
 - city hosts
 - driver guides
 - meet and greet guides
 - site guides
 - tour guides
 - tour managers
- roles and services provided to guides by peak guiding bodies and industry associations to assist in developing guiding knowledge
- industry and legal compliance requirements that affect guiding operations:
 - consumer protection laws

- occupational licensing and industry accreditation
- contents of various guiding codes of conduct or practice and the impacts of non-compliance
- public liability and the guide's duty of care
- environmental laws
- permit requirements for operating in protected areas
- Queensland Tourism Services Act 2003 requirements for guides when working in Queensland
- work health and safety
- different types of technologies and their uses:
 - presentation technologies
 - radio-frequency identification (RFID) codes for handheld devices
 - social networking
- opportunities to update own knowledge as a guide:
 - familiarisation tours
 - industry seminars
 - participation in industry accreditation schemes
 - participation or membership in professional guide associations
 - research
 - social networking
 - training courses
- tourism operators that work in collaboration with guides:
 - inbound tour operators
 - other guides
 - retail outlets:
 - factory outlets
 - opal or souvenir outlets
 - tax free stores
 - suppliers of any tourism product or service that is a component of the touring itinerary:
 - accommodation providers
 - airlines
 - attraction or theme parks
 - coach companies
 - cultural sites
 - event venues
 - food and beverage outlets
 - tour operators and cruise operators
- safety issues that affect guiding operations in particular contexts, particularly those related to customer safety in different environments
- ethical considerations for guides:

- compliance with industry codes of conduct
- cultural considerations
- dealings with local communities
- dealings with Indigenous communities
- provision of services as promoted or confirmed
- relationships with industry colleagues, customers and suppliers
- avoiding unconscionable conduct
- sustainable work practices includes considerations for:
 - economic:
 - business profitability
 - environmental:
 - minimal impact practices
 - waste minimisation
 - social:
 - host community interactions
 - Australian Indigenous contexts.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in an operational guiding environment. This can be:

- a real guiding activity
- a simulated industry environment or activity.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- environments in which guiding activities take place:
 - tourist attractions
 - visitor sites
 - on board various forms of transportation
- organisational specifications:
 - codes of conduct
 - procedures for liaising with tourism industry operators that are involved in the operation of guided activities
 - running sheets for tours and activities
 - incident report templates
 - passenger lists
 - risk assessment template
- microphone
- props and signage
- customer groups of a size and nature that reflect the commercial environment in which the guide operates

- tourism industry operators with whom the individual can interact; these can be:
 - those involved in organising a tour or activity who interact with the individual during the assessment process; or
 - individuals who participate in role plays or simulated activities set up for the purpose of assessment in an operational touring context
- participants undertaking a tour or activity for whom the individual can act as guide; participants can be:
 - those participating in a tour or activity who interact with the individual during the assessment process; or
 - individuals who participate in role plays or simulated activities set up for the purpose of assessment in an operational touring context.

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

- have worked in industry for at least three years where they have applied the skills and knowledge of this unit of competency.

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