



Australian Government

SITTTOP009 Set up and operate a camp site

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to set up, use and break down a touring camp site. Safety, low environmental impact and adherence to land management guidelines are a key focus.

The unit applies to camping tour operators. Camp sites could be in established camping areas or sites created by the operator. Individuals working independently in the field within established organisational procedures undertake this role.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Tour Operations

Unit Sector

Tourism

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Select camp site.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Access camp site according to tour itinerary and land management requirements.
- 1.2. Where no designated area exists, select site for comfort, safety and minimal negative environmental impact.
- 1.3. Identify camp site hazards, assess associated risks, and eliminate or minimise hazards.

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| 2. Set up camp site. | 2.1. Set up camp site facilities, using safe manual handling techniques for equipment and supplies.
2.2. Arrange shelter appropriate for the prevailing weather and conditions.
2.3. Identify and access required water sources.
2.4. Construct camp fires in a safe location minimising danger to crew, participants and environment. |
| 3. Operate camp site. | 3.1. Operate camping equipment according to manufacturer instructions and safety guidelines.
3.2. Establish and follow environmentally-friendly rubbish and human waste disposal procedures.
3.3. Brief customers on waste disposal requirements, agree to procedures, and monitor adherence.
3.4. Discuss and agree on acceptable camp site behaviour with participants.
3.5. Operate camp fires according to land management and safety requirements.
3.6. Monitor camp site operations and make adjustments as required. |
| 4. Break down camp site. | 4.1. Safely dismantle, pack and store equipment and belongings.
4.2. Remove rubbish from the site where disposal facilities are not available.
4.3. Extinguish camp fires fully to ensure there is no danger to the environment.
4.4. Leave camp site in the original or improved condition. |

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

Reading skills to:

- interpret:
 - tour itineraries and customer information
 - land management requirements
 - manufacturer instructions.

Problem-solving skills to:

- monitor and respond to potentially unpredictable operational and service challenges.

Initiative and enterprise skills to:

- identify opportunities to improve camp site safety and environmental impact.

Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is equivalent to SITTTOP004 Set up and operate a camp site.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=68c40a93-e51d-4e0f-bc06-899dff092694>

Assessment Requirements for SITTTOP009 Set up and operate a camp site

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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:

- select, set up and safely operate a camp site for a minimum of one night, ensuring minimal negative environmental and social impact and utilising at least three of the following features:
 - dining and cooking area
 - entertainment or scenic viewing area
 - fire site
 - latrine and wash area
 - pathways
 - tents
- safely use each of the following items of camping equipment while operating the above camp site:
 - cleaning equipment
 - cooking equipment
 - cutting equipment and tools
 - groundsheets
 - lights
 - sleeping equipment
 - tables and chairs
 - tents
- break down above camp site in line with safety, environmental and land management requirements.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- work health and safety issues to be considered when setting up, operating and breaking down a camp site
- features of a desirable camp site and, considerations related to:
 - type of ground
 - level of ground

- position of trees
- proximity to water
- local fauna
- shade and shelter
- sustainability considerations for camp site operations:
 - environmentally or culturally sensitive areas and associated minimal impact practices
 - industry codes of practice
 - handling and disposal of waste including human waste
 - use of water sources
- potential negative environmental impacts:
 - damage to camp sites and surrounding areas
 - damage to culturally sensitive areas or sites
 - disturbance or injury to fauna
 - instigation of bush fire due to incorrect management of open fires
 - noise disturbance to the local community
 - physical damage to flora
 - pollution from waste
- camp site hazards:
 - insufficient distance and protection from local wildlife
 - insufficient shade and protection from other weather elements
 - poor access to facilities
 - swollen creeks or rivers and possible flood activity
 - unstable trees or tree branches
 - unstable, rocky or uneven ground
- laws, regulations and land management requirements and guidelines:
 - need for permits in national parks or on land under control of traditional owners
 - restrictions on camp site operations and use of open fires
- operational features of standard camping equipment
- challenges and issues that arise during camp site stays and ways to respond.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in an operational tourism environment where a camp site is set up. This can be:

- an industry workplace; or
- a simulated industry environment set up for the purposes of assessment.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- camping equipment designated in the performance evidence
- camping equipment suited to local industry conditions

- regulation, guidelines and industry codes of practice that apply to camping in the relevant area
- a group for or with whom the site is set up and operated. This can be:
 - a group in an industry workplace who are assisted by the individual during the assessment process; or
 - individuals who participate in role plays or simulated activities, set up for the purpose of assessment, in a simulated industry environment operated within a training organisation.

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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