

Modification history

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 8.0.

AHCWHS1X1	Work safely
Application	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to work safely, including identifying work safety issues, observing safe work practices, participating in workplace safety meetings and following incident emergency response procedures.</p> <p>The unit applies to individuals who work safely while working alongside a supervisor, exercising limited autonomy within established and well known parameters. They identify and seek help with simple problems.</p> <p>NOTES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The terms 'occupational health and safety' (OHS) and 'work health and safety' (WHS) are equivalent and generally either can be used in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the <i>model WHS laws</i> have not been implemented, registered training organisations (RTOs) are advised to contextualise this unit of competency by referring to existing WHS legislative requirements. 2. The <i>model WHS laws</i> include the model WHS Act, model WHS Regulations and model WHS Codes of Practice. See Safe Work Australia for further information. <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Work Health and Safety (WHS)

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Identify and follow workplace safety requirements	1.1 Follow workplace health and safety duty of care requirements 1.2 Identify and explain own responsibilities to comply with workplace health and safety practices
2. Observe safe work practices	2.1 Follow workplace health and safety instructions, notices and workplace safety signs 2.2 Follow instructions to fit and use personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to work task 2.3 Follow workplace health and safety procedures applicable to work task
3. Participate in workplace safety meetings	3.1 Report workplace health and safety hazards to supervisor 3.2 Participate in workplace safety meetings
4. Follow incident and emergency response procedures	4.1 Follow workplace procedures for dealing with accidents, fire and emergencies

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpret workplace safety signs, symbols and work instructions
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in verbal exchanges to respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCWHS1X1 Work safely	AHCWHS101 Work safely	Minor changes to application Major changes to performance criteria Foundation skills added Major and minor edits to performance and knowledge evidence and assessment conditions	Not equivalent

Links	
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TITLE	Assessment requirements for AHCWHS1X1 Work safely
Performance Evidence	
<p>An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.</p> <p>There must be evidence that the individual has worked safely on at least one occasion, and has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complied with workplace health and safety practices • followed workplace procedures for health and safety hazard identification and reporting • followed workplace safety signs, symbols and work instructions • fitted and used personal protective equipment (PPE) relevant to work task • participated in workplace safety meetings • followed workplace incident and emergency response procedures. 	
Knowledge Evidence	
<p>An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employee and employer workplace health and safety duty of care responsibilities • workplace procedures relating to hazards, fires, emergencies, accidents and risk control • hazards and risks in the industry sector • workplace safety signs, symbols and work instructions relevant to area of work • workplace incident and emergency response procedures. 	
Assessment Conditions	
<p>Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions • resources, equipment and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE applicable to work task • workplace safety signs, symbols and work instructions relevant to work task • workplace incident and emergency response procedures • relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • work team and supervisor. <p>Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.</p>	
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