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Assessment Requirements for MSL973017

Assist with fieldwork

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	<p>This version was released in <i>MSL Laboratory Operations Training Package Release 2.0</i>.</p> <p>Supersedes and equivalent to MSL973005 Assist with fieldwork. Range of conditions removed. Assessment requirements amended.</p>

Performance Evidence

There must be evidence the candidate has completed the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit, and:

- effectively and appropriately assisted to conduct 2 fieldwork activities or field surveys in different locations.

Knowledge Evidence

There must be evidence the candidate has knowledge of:

- terms used to describe the relevant industry sector's field equipment, materials, samples and specimens
- operating procedures for vehicles and equipment used in fieldwork conducted as part of job role, such as use of liquid petroleum gas (LPG), generators and communication gear
- safety and survival procedures:
 - using personal protective equipment (PPE), including sunscreen, hats, safety glasses, gloves, safety boots and hearing protection
 - handling, labelling and storing hazardous material and equipment in accordance with labels and manufacturer instructions
 - regular cleaning and/or decontamination of equipment
 - using two-way radio and satellite phone and a regular communication schedule
 - map reading, use of compass and global positioning system (GPS)
- procedures for controlling fieldwork hazards relevant to job role:
 - solar radiation, dust and noise
 - personnel getting lost
 - incidents or emergencies, such as snake or animal bites
 - severe weather conditions
 - manual handling of heavy objects
 - vehicle and boat handling in rough/remote conditions

- moving machinery and hand tools
- driving vehicles in rough terrain and over long distances during day or night
- awareness of environmental sustainability issues as they relate to the work task
- legal, ethical and work health and safety (WHS) requirements specific to the work task.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions and contingencies. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - equipment required for field activities: vehicles, navigation and communication equipment, survey equipment, sampling equipment, containers and animal cages, field test kits and instruments, safety equipment and consumables
 - work program, workplace procedures, codes of practice and field protocols and manuals.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

Links

MSL Laboratory Operations Companion Volume Implementation Guide is available from VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c63a03b-4a6b-4ae5-9560-1e3c5f462baa>