

Project Brief

PUA00 Public Safety Training Package Review: State and Territory Emergency Services (SES) Sector

Background

This project exists because of a major review of the PUA00 Public Safety Training Package (PSTP) that is being undertaken by Government Skills Australia (GSA). It is important for the sector to develop accurate competency standards that may assist with workforce planning, recruitment and retention of paid personnel and volunteers, as well as providing outcome statements for the development of learning and assessment strategies.

The National Education and Training Committee (NETC), a subgroup of the Australian Council of State and Territory Emergency Services, is concerned that the needs of staff and volunteers in relation to capability development and skills maintenance are effectively addressed in the major review undertaken by GSA.

This project is supported by a submission prepared in November 2006 by NETC prepared in consultation with key stakeholders within the organisation. A desktop review of all related qualifications and competencies standards was undertaken at the same time to identify key areas for further research and analysis.

The PSTP includes national competency standards for the State and Territory Emergency Services vocational qualifications. The expected improvements to the sector of the PSTP as a result of this project include a comprehensive review of the individual units of competency, the structure of existing qualifications, and possible pathways into the higher qualifications, and the inclusion and/or exclusion of related units within other qualifications.

Project Aim

To produce a qualifications framework including skill sets, communication strategy, and consultation plan for the SES sector that will inform the broader review of the PSTP.

Project Objectives

The objectives of the Project are:

1. to develop a qualifications framework in consultation with stakeholders to inform the review of the PSTP.
2. to develop a comprehensive communication strategy with known stakeholders and consultation plan for Phase II of the review.
3. to identify and engage new and emerging stakeholders.

Scope

The project includes relevant competencies that can be used to enable the achievement of SES qualifications in the PSTP. Some units are also included

in the qualifications of other industries. A full list of the qualifications and units of competency can be found on the National Training Information Service (www.ntis.gov.au)

NETC will be the lead agent for the SES specific units. Synergies between the SES sector and other Public Safety sectors will be identified and consultations coordinated by the project team.

Timelines

July 2007 Project Initiation
October 2007 Position Paper development
December 2007 Sector consultation commence
August 2008 Validation
October 2008 Submission to DEEWR

Risk Management

The GSA Public Safety Project Officer and Manager Learning and Development (NSW SES) will be responsible for the risk register and treatment options (if known).

Reporting

The Project Officers will report to the Manager Learning and Development (NSW SES) on a weekly basis.

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