

Public Safety Training Package Review: SES Sector

Information Update 2

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Skill Sets for SES

Skill Sets within the SES sector were discussed by the NETC (October 2007) and interest in the incorporation of Skill Sets into the qualifications pathways has been encouraging. The NETC identified many benefits of Skill Sets relevant particularly to training and assessment pathways for volunteers.

The sector have identified a number of Skill Sets appropriate to the difference paid and volunteer roles within the Sector and will be consulting extensively across the sector to ensure all appropriate roles and functions have been mapped against Skill Sets to support a more flexible appropriate to qualifications.

The structure of a Skill Set includes:

- identification of a target group;
- the units of competency that may make up the Skill Set
- identification of pathways to qualifications; and
- suggested words to be used on a Statement of Attainment.

An example of a Skill Set for a **Flood Boat Operator** may include:

Target Group	Those who will be required to operate rescue boats in flood conditions and inland waterways.
Units	PUAOHS001B Follow defined occupational health and safety policies and procedures PUASAR001B Participate in a rescue operation PUAEQU001B Prepare, maintain and test response equipment PUASES003B Undertake flood and inland waterways rescue boat operations (plus units from the Transport and Distribution and/or Outdoor Education Training Packages if required)
Pathway	The Public Safety Training Package offers a Certificate III in Public Safety (SES Rescue). These units also contribute to a number of other Public Safety qualifications.
Suggested words for Statement of Attainment	These units from the Public Safety, Maritime and Outdoor Recreation Training Packages meet the industry requirements to commence working as a flood boat operator within the SES.

The key benefit of well designed Skill Sets for the SES sector is ‘training for role and capability’ rather than for a qualification. Members will still be able to achieve qualifications from the Public Safety (and other!) Training Package, however the focus will be on helping volunteers become “operationally ready” as soon as practical.

The area of Skill Sets for the SES sector will be a key feature of the consultation process which will be coordinated by your NETC delegate. For more information, please contact Andy Smith on the telephone number or email below.

Qualification Pathways

The NETC are interested to receive feedback to a new qualifications pathway for the SES sector, proposed as part of the review of the Public Safety Training Package. A detailed explanation of the proposed pathway is contained in the Position Paper that is now available on the project webpage.

The proposed pathway provides more flexibility for members who wish to pursue qualifications at the Certificate IV to Advanced Diploma level, and will provide a more streamlined entry to Search and Rescue Coordination as well as Community Safety areas.

A key aspect of the new qualifications pathway includes a generic Certificate II qualification, that provides streams for members to undertake training in rescue or operations, after they have completed generic Skill Sets as part of an induction program. Linkages with other sectors have also been highlighted.

Project Issues Register

Government Skills Australia (GSA), the Industry Skills Council responsible for the review of the Public Safety Training Package, is developing an issues register for stakeholders to post comments and feedback for the Industry Advisory Officer and Project Officers to consider and respond to if required. Details of the issues register will be published in future editions of Information Updates.

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