

## Public Safety Training Package Review: SES Sector

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### New Qualifications Pathway for SES

The National Education and Training Committee (NETC), a sub-committee of the Australian Council of State Emergency Services (ACSES) have proposed a new qualifications pathway for the SES sector as part of the Review. Full details of the new pathway can be viewed in the SES Position Paper, available from the project webpage.

The rationale supporting the proposed new qualifications pathway is to provide SES staff and volunteers with:

- a robust and relevant set of qualifications that support the current and potential roles within the SES sector;
- competency standards packaged into logical Skill Sets to facilitate a “train to role” approach while providing pathways into qualifications, and not being driven by a qualification-only approach; and
- aligning the SES sector to the industry-wide suite of qualifications that provide a wider range of higher qualifications (Diploma and Advanced Diploma) for staff and volunteers to pursue thus providing career pathways.

The project team are interested to received feedback from interested individuals on the proposed qualifications framework and alignment of Skill Sets to meet the needs of the SES sector. For more information, please refer to the project webpage.

### Who is DEEWR?

The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) and the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) have been amalgamated to become the Department of Education, Employment, and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

The Portfolio brings together the core elements of the Rudd Government’s productivity and participation agenda from early childhood, through schools, through trades training and the wide vocational education, through universities as well as the participation agenda itself.

All project documents, including the Aquatic Search and Rescue Issues Paper have been amended to reflect this change.

### Project Information Website

A key part of the communication and consultation strategy supporting the Public Safety Training Package Review is the project webpage. The webpage is regularly updated to include information and forms that facilitate feedback from the SES sector. A key feature of the project webpage is the Document Library that lists all of the documents prepared during the Review and acts as a supporting archive.

For up to date information the SES sector’s contribution to the Public Safety Training Package review, please visit:

<https://www.governmentskills.com.au/content/view/620/679/>

### Workplace Emergency Response

The West Australian Police Service is seeking to explore implementation of either or both of the following two units of competency for Probationary Constables:

PUAWER004A Respond to workplace emergencies  
PUAWER008A Confine small workplace emergencies

The intent is to capture an important set of competencies that change the focus of police work from dealing with other people’s emergencies to their own workplace. In doing so, the project coordinator is keen to speak with any organisation who may have implemented (or tried to implement) the standards in the hope that they can share information.

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