Modification history

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

| AHCASW5X01 | Survey and report on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural sites |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to survey and report on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural sites.  This unit applies to those working in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities and on Country in cultural landscapes and with cultural sites and objects. The unit applies to working with lore/law men and women either as an autonomous sites worker or under the supervision and cultural authority of Traditional Owners or Elders for specific Country and is also applicable to the work of repatriation workers and anthropologists.  No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | AHCILM3X06 Develop awareness of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety and protocols |
| Unit Sector | Aboriginal Sites Work (ASW) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Identify, communicate and consult with key stakeholders | 1.1 Work with cultural authorities to identify appropriate persons within Communities who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander places and heritage  1.2 Develop and implement communication and consultation systems that place cultural protocols and values at the forefront and accommodate stakeholder concerns and interests  1.3 Confirm traditional ownership of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander sites, cultural material, and objects  1.4 Ensure approval and permissions are obtained from relevant Traditional Owners and Cultural managers for work to be carried out and for access to the cultural site for the specific persons who will conduct work  1.5 Complete any necessary submissions for conducting cultural sites surveys  1.6 Develop working relationships with key stakeholders that assist in the management of culturally significant places  1.7 Scope and document client needs for deliverables required in a formal sites survey report  1.8 Manage planning and assessment processes, ensuring they are in accordance with the Burra Charter process and other existing industry guidelines and legislation |
| 2. Manage collection of initial site data | 2.1 Source and verify site plans and maps including topographical maps  2.2 Identify and acquire required resources  2.3 Prepare a base plan of the site  2.4 Undertake site orientation and define and verify location, geographic and operational boundaries  2.5 Identify and record current land use and environmental problems and threats  2.6 Identify and record covenants that could affect the site or report  2.7 Ascertain climate and weather conditions from historical data |
| 3. Compile a site inventory | 3.1 Categorise and record site context, location and site information data  3.2 Categorise and record features data  3.3 Identify and record cultural material, objects, properties and relevant physical characteristics on site inventory according to archaeological or scientific protocols  3.4 Undertake relevant field research in accordance with safe work policies and procedures  3.5 Implement appropriate techniques and tools and relevant archaeological practices and procedures  3.6 Locate structural elements and confirm existing services and facilities  3.7 Record the presence, location and/or extent of other relevant site constraints  3.8 Develop limits of acceptable change in the forms of deterioration and damage to the places of cultural significance to legislative and enterprise requirements |
| 4. Review, assess and record the site data | 4.1 Engage relevant expertise and consultant services when required  4.2 Conduct an assessment of cultural significance  4.3 Document a statement of cultural significance |
| 5. Determine the impact of threats to the site | 5.1 Identify threats to culturally significant places, both external and internal to the area under consideration  5.2 Undertake a risk assessment of all threats to determine potential impact on sites and associated cultural landscape  5.3 Develop and implement risk management strategies and protection/conservation measures to control risks  5.4 Develop and document a risk management report that incorporates an impact analysis  5.5 Document policy changes required to address the threats |
| 6. Document a site survey report | 6.1 Document site information into a site assessment report or site survey report  6.2 Incorporate all relevant data from the site assessment into assessment report in line with client needs and the requirements of relevant legislation and regulations  6.3 Provide and record specific recommendations for remedial action of site conservation and mitigation of site problems  6.4 Formulate and document recommendations for appropriate risk controls of site hazards  6.5 Store and maintain survey and assessment data as part of professional practice  6.6 Inform and advise client-stakeholder of the content and implications of the report and present a copy |

| 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. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Interpret, analyse and extract information from a range of sources including legal documents, policies and procedures |
| Oral Communication | * Use culturally appropriate verbal and non-verbal communication |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCASW5X01 Survey and report on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural sites | AHCASW501 Survey and report on Aboriginal cultural sites | Updated unit code and title to include Torres Strait Islander people  Minor changes to Application  Minor changes to Elements and Performance Criteria Added Foundation Skills  Revised Performance Evidence to express assessment in terms of frequency  Revised Knowledge Evidence  Revised Assessment Conditions to include Assessor requirements | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCASW5X01 Survey and report on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural sites |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.  There must be evidence that the individual has at least once:   * identified appropriate Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural authorities for a Community, place or site * identified key stakeholders to be consulted in relation to owners and custodians of cultural and Community knowledge, information or material and cultural significance * developed and implemented consultation processes * surveyed and assessed Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural sites using appropriate techniques, tools and relevant archaeological practices * incorporated the cultural significance, heritage values and conservation issues of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural site into report documentation * identified threats and developed controls to mitigate and manage the risk of deterioration, damaging incidents or loss of cultural integrity * prepared a site survey report to meet Community and enterprise needs * completed submissions required to carry out a site survey * observed cultural protocols in dealing with stakeholders and land managers. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| 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:   * authentic and authoritative sources for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural information, material and expression able to be accessed and shared * site survey techniques, procedures and processes * archaeological and scientific research techniques relevant to survey Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural site * monitoring of site including fabric deterioration, damage and likely causes of deterioration and damage * cultural rights and responsibilities when using Community knowledge, information and material * general understanding of impacts of natural resources, such as geological settings, ecological processes, and interaction between natural and cultural processes * provisions in the Australian Natural Heritage Charter and the Burra Charter and Guidelines and how they relate to surveying and reporting on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander sites * design and methodology of consultation processes * policy analysis and development of impact statements * the range of conservation strategies for cultural areas * data submission systems and reporting requirements * components of Cultural and Heritage Legislation or National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) legislation relevant to surveying cultural sites. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * skills must be demonstrated on Country and/or within an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * specifications: * access to specific legislation/codes of practice * relationships: * local Community Elders and/or Custodians.   Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. In addition, the following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit:   * Assessment must be undertaken by a workplace assessor who has expertise in this unit of competency and who is: * an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Elder and/or Custodian   or:   * accompanied by, or in communication with, an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who is a recognised member of the community with experience and knowledge of local cultural protocols. |

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