

**Remote area injury and illness can create problems for the first aiders if emergency service response and access is going to be difficult or delayed. This module introduces information and techniques for the first aider to help combat these difficulties.**

The following information briefly outlines the content of the **Provide First Aid in Remote Situations – HLTAID005** module.

When receiving an accredited certificate, it should contain the code HLTAID005 prominently, if issued after the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2014.

*The participants will be required to be physically and mentally capable of meeting the above outlined assessment criteria to be awarded the Statement of Attainment HLTAID005 Provide First Aid in a Remote Situation, otherwise certification cannot be provided.*

Information gathered from the Australian Government Training website – [www.training.gov.au](http://www.training.gov.au).

Assessment must include, but not necessarily limited to:

## **Performance Evidence**

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role.

There must be evidence that the candidate has completed the following tasks in line with state/territory regulations, first aid codes of practice, Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) guidelines and workplace procedures:

- Followed DRSABCD in line with ARC guidelines, including:
  - performed at least 2 minutes of uninterrupted single rescuer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) (5 cycles of both compressions and ventilations) on an adult resuscitation manikin placed on the floor
  - performed at least 2 minutes of uninterrupted single rescuer CPR (5 cycles both compressions and ventilations) on an infant resuscitation manikin placed on a firm surface
  - responded appropriately in the event of regurgitation or vomiting
  - managed the unconscious breathing casualty

- followed single rescue procedure, including the demonstration of a rotation of operators with minimal interruptions to compressions
- followed the prompts of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- Responded to at least three simulated first aid scenarios contextualised to the candidate's remote and/or isolated situation:
  - demonstrated safe manual handling techniques
  - conducted a visual and verbal secondary survey assessment of the casualty
  - assessed vital signs, including respirations, pulse and temperature
  - post-incident debrief and evaluation
  - provided an accurate verbal and written report of the incident
- Applied first aid response in a remote situation for the following:
  - allergic reaction
  - anaphylaxis
  - basic care of a wound
  - bleeding control
  - choking and airway obstruction
  - envenomation, using pressure immobilisation
  - environmental impacts, including hypothermia, hyperthermia, dehydration and heat stroke
  - fractures, sprains and strains, using arm slings, roller bandages or other appropriate immobilisation techniques
  - head, neck and spinal injuries, using immobilisation principles
  - respiratory distress, including asthma
  - shock

On successful completion, the participants will have the underpinning knowledge and skillsets.

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

- State/Territory regulations, first aid codes of practice and workplace procedures including:
  - ARC guidelines relevant to provision of CPR and first aid
  - safe work practices to minimise risks and potential hazards
  - infection control principles and procedures, including use of standard precautions
  - requirements for currency of skill and knowledge

- legal, workplace and community considerations including:
  - awareness of potential need for stress-management techniques and available support following an emergency situation
  - duty of care requirements
  - respectful behaviour towards a casualty
  - own skills and limitations
  - consent
  - privacy and confidentiality requirements
  - importance of debriefing
  
- considerations when providing first aid, including:
  - airway obstruction due to body position
  - appropriate duration and cessation of CPR
  - appropriate use of an AED
  - chain of survival
  - standard precautions
  - how to conduct a visual and verbal secondary survey assessment
  - assessment and interpretation of vital signs, including respirations, temperature and pulse
  
- principles and procedures for first aid management of the following scenarios, contextualised to the candidate's remote and/or isolated situation:
  - abdominal injuries
  - allergic reaction
  - anaphylaxis
  - basic care of a wound
  - bleeding control
  - burns
  - cardiac conditions, including chest pain
  - choking and airway obstruction
  - crush injuries
  - diabetes
  - dislocations
  - drowning
  - envenomation
  - environmental impact, including hypothermia, hyperthermia, dehydration and heat stroke
  - eye and ear injuries
  - febrile convulsions
  - fractures
  - head, neck and spinal injuries
  - minor skin injuries
  - needle stick injuries

- poisoning and toxic substances
- respiratory distress, including asthma
- seizures, including epilepsy
- shock
- soft tissue injuries, including sprains and strains
- stroke
- unconsciousness
- remote considerations in the provision of first aid, including:
  - typical hazards and strategies for preparing supplies to address contingencies
  - management options relating to transporting casualty, including aero-medical evacuation
  - how to identify and prepare areas for safe evacuation, including aero-medical evacuation
  - how and when to access emergency response services
  - communication systems, equipment and methods available in remote situations
  - priorities of management in first aid when dealing with life-threatening conditions
  - specific considerations contextualised to alpine, desert, marine, rural/remote settings and tropical environments
- basic anatomy and physiology relating to:
  - how to recognise a person is not breathing normally
  - chest
  - response/consciousness
  - upper airway and effect of positional change
  - considerations in provision of first aid for specified conditions, including specific considerations for remote settings