



**Learner Assessment Guide
Unit Standard 14562
Perform specialist rescues in confined spaces
(Level 4, Credit 5, Version 3)**

Level Descriptor

Level	Process	Employing	Responsibility
4	Carrying out processes that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require a wide range of scholastic skills Offer a considerable choice of procedures Are employed in a variety of familiar and unfamiliar contexts 	Employing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A broad knowledge base incorporating some theoretical concepts Analytical interpretation of information Informed judgement A range of sometimes innovative responses to concrete but often unfamiliar problems 	Applied: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In directed activity Under broad guidance and evaluation With complete responsibility for the quantity and quality of output With possible responsibility for the quantity and quality of the output of others

Unit Descriptors:

Credit 5 - will require approximately 50 - 60 hours of learning, practice or experience and assessment for a person with no previous knowledge or experience.

Version 3 - This document has been prepared based on version 3 of the Unit Standard.

Elements:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the requirements for safe working practices in confined spaces.
2. Select and operate equipment for rescues from confined spaces.
3. Carry out specialised rescues in confined spaces.

Prerequisites:

Recommended: Unit 3272, *Wear and operate breathing apparatus in general emergencies*, and a current first aid certificate, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.

Assessment Conditions:

Assessment against this unit standard may take place under real or practical simulated conditions.

Resources:

The reference standard is AS/NZS 2865: 2001 *Safe Working in a Confined Space*.

Special Notes:

Compliance with the providers Health and Safety policy and procedures in mandatory.

Evidence for the elements of this unit standard must be presented across the following contexts:

Rescues from confined spaces can include - shafts, tunnels, wall cavities, silos, trenches, sewers, tanks, collapsed buildings, storage tanks, vessels.

Evidence is required for two.

Assessment Brief Instructions:

Assessing Element 1: Demonstrate knowledge of the requirements for safe working practices in confined spaces.

Candidate must describe how environmental and atmospheric conditions are monitored in terms of their impact on safety and working in confined spaces in accordance with the referenced standard.

Candidate ensures personal protective equipment is explained in terms of its use and function in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Candidate ensures SOPs are described in terms of working in confined spaces, in accordance with the fire and rescue service provider's requirements

Assessing Element 2: Select and operate equipment for rescues from confined spaces.

Candidate ensures selection of equipment matches the requirements of the situation, and takes account of the fire and rescue service provider's procedures, equipment availability, and manufacturer's recommendations and instructions.

Candidate ensures rescue equipment is operated in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and the fire and rescue service provider's procedures and guidelines.

Candidate ensures rescue equipment is operated in conjunction with personal protective equipment that is appropriate for the situation in accordance with the fire and rescue service provider's procedures and guidelines.

Candidate ensures damage to equipment is reported in accordance with the SOPs.

Assessing Element 3: Carry out specialised rescues in confined spaces.

Candidate ensures casualties are located using on-site information and using search techniques in accordance with the SOPs.

Candidate ensures rescue route is selected using on-site information and in accordance with the SOPs.

Candidate ensures rescues are carried out in accordance with the SOPs.

Candidate ensures safety considerations are met in accordance with the fire and rescue service provider's procedures and guidelines. This must include:

- personal protective equipment
- atmospheric monitoring
- equipment appropriate to safety officer
- scene security

Candidate ensures first aid treatment is administered to casualties to prevent further injury and/or trauma in accordance with the SOPs.

Candidate ensures communication is maintained with other personnel for the duration of the incident in accordance with the SOPs.