

UNIT CODE	HLTOUT006
UNIT TITLE	Transport emergency patients
APPLICATION	<p>This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to transport vehicle occupants to and from a health care facility or service under emergency circumstances. This may include patients, crew, emergency service and other appropriate workers, relatives and pets. The unit includes skills for loading, driving and unloading a vehicle safely, and for checking vehicles and equipment in order to restock and remedy faults.</p> <p>This unit applies to pre-hospital/out-of-hospital health care workers.</p> <p>The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian Standards and industry codes of practice.</p>
PREREQUISITE UNIT	Nil
COMPETENCY FIELD	Pre-hospital and out-of-hospital health care

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare and check vehicle and equipment.	<p>1.1 Check vehicle and equipment systematically and comprehensively based on local vehicle checklist or inventory.</p> <p>1.2 Conduct vehicle checks on a regular basis according to organisation procedures to ensure continuing serviceability of vehicle and equipment.</p> <p>1.3 Ensure interior and exterior cleanliness of vehicle in accordance with organisation policies and procedures on the minimisation of infection risk to vehicle occupants.</p> <p>1.4 Maintain vehicle operating stock to organisational minimum and maximum levels.</p> <p>1.5 Maintain vehicle and equipment according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.</p>
2. Ensure faults in vehicle and equipment are remedied.	<p>1.1 Identify and report general nature of faults and liaise with organisation to remedy faults.</p> <p>1.2 Assess risk of all faults, malfunctioning vehicle or equipment against patient care priorities and notify the appropriate person in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.</p> <p>1.3 Establish need for additional or replacement resources and communicate to appropriate workers.</p>

3. Convey and receive information relating to emergency transport.	<p>1.1 Establish and maintain communication with control centre according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.</p> <p>1.2 Notify appropriate receiving facility according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.</p>
4. Access, egress and secure vehicle occupants and equipment for emergency transportation.	<p>1.1 Remove patients from scene in a manner consistent with relevant Acts, regulations and according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.</p> <p>1.2 Conduct accessing and egressing smoothly, consistent with safe work practices and according to established clinical guidelines and protocols and safe manual handling practices.</p> <p>1.3 Ensure patient illness or injury is not exacerbated by unnecessary movement during accessing and egressing.</p> <p>1.4 Ensure vehicle occupants are secured in vehicle according to organisational procedures.</p> <p>1.5 Organise and secure equipment in accordance with relevant Australian Standards, Acts and regulations and according to established clinical guidelines and protocols.</p>
5. Transport patient under emergency conditions.	<p>1.1 Establish and maintain communication as required between driver and patient care officer to ensure safe transport and effective patient care.</p> <p>1.2 Drive vehicle to current road conditions and in a manner that avoids exacerbation of patient condition.</p> <p>1.3 Recognise and negotiate hazards at low risk in accordance with relevant road traffic Acts and legal requirements governing emergency vehicles.</p> <p>1.4 Notify vehicle occupants of upcoming hazards to facilitate preparation and management of situation for safety of patient and self.</p> <p>1.5 Utilise maps and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) as required to accurately navigate to a specified destination.</p> <p>1.6 Choose appropriate route to receiving facility according to distance, time, travel, terrain and monitor factors likely to cause delays or route deviations.</p>

FOUNDATION SKILLS	
<i>Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.</i>	
UNIT MAPPING INFORMATION	HLTAMB003 Transport emergency patients
LINKS	Companion Volume Implementation Guide

TITLE	Assessment Requirements for HLTOUT006 Transport emergency patients
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PERFORMANCE EVIDENCE	<p>Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ checked the safety of transport vehicle and safely transported 3 emergency patients under operational conditions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ accessing and egressing ◦ performing driving skills suited to specific situations and the case being attended ◦ assessing and analysing available driving routes and available resources ◦ making decisions that ensure the efficient and safe driving of vehicles under different operational conditions for safe transport of emergency patients ◦ adherence to the relevant road traffic Acts and regulations.
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KNOWLEDGE EVIDENCE	<p>Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ methods of accessing and agressing patients under life-threatening conditions ■ organisation policy and procedures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ vehicle being used for transportation ◦ equipment in vehicle ◦ vehicle checks ■ relevant Acts, regulations and organisation policies and procedures related to transport of patients including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ manual handling and lifting ◦ care and restraint of patient and others during transportation ◦ patient care during transportation ◦ road rules in accordance with the State/Territory regulations when driving emergency vehicles ◦ use of communications equipment and systems for transporting emergency patients ■ stock inventory and the safe storage and disposal of pharmacological products ■ requirements and protocols for safe transport of vehicle occupants under priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ patients ◦ crew ◦ emergency service and other workers ◦ clinical staff ◦ relatives or carers ◦ pets.
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ASSESSMENT CONDITIONS	<p>Skills must be demonstrated in an operational vehicle used for the transport of an emergency patient. This may be in the workplace or in a simulated environment on 3 separate occasions. Driving skills must have been demonstrated at least once using simulation prior to any demonstration in the workplace.</p> <p>Assessment must ensure access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ suitable facilities, resources and equipment as per local governing body including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ transport vehicle (emergency or non-emergency) ◦ communication protocols, devices and equipment used in emergency vehicles ◦ modelling of industry operating conditions including access to real people for simulations and scenarios in transporting emergency patients. <p>Emergency patient is defined as an individual requiring active treatment by a clinician while en route to a receiving facility (i.e. hospital) - simulation. It does not necessarily require activation of warning signals (emergency siren and lights).</p> <p>Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.</p>
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