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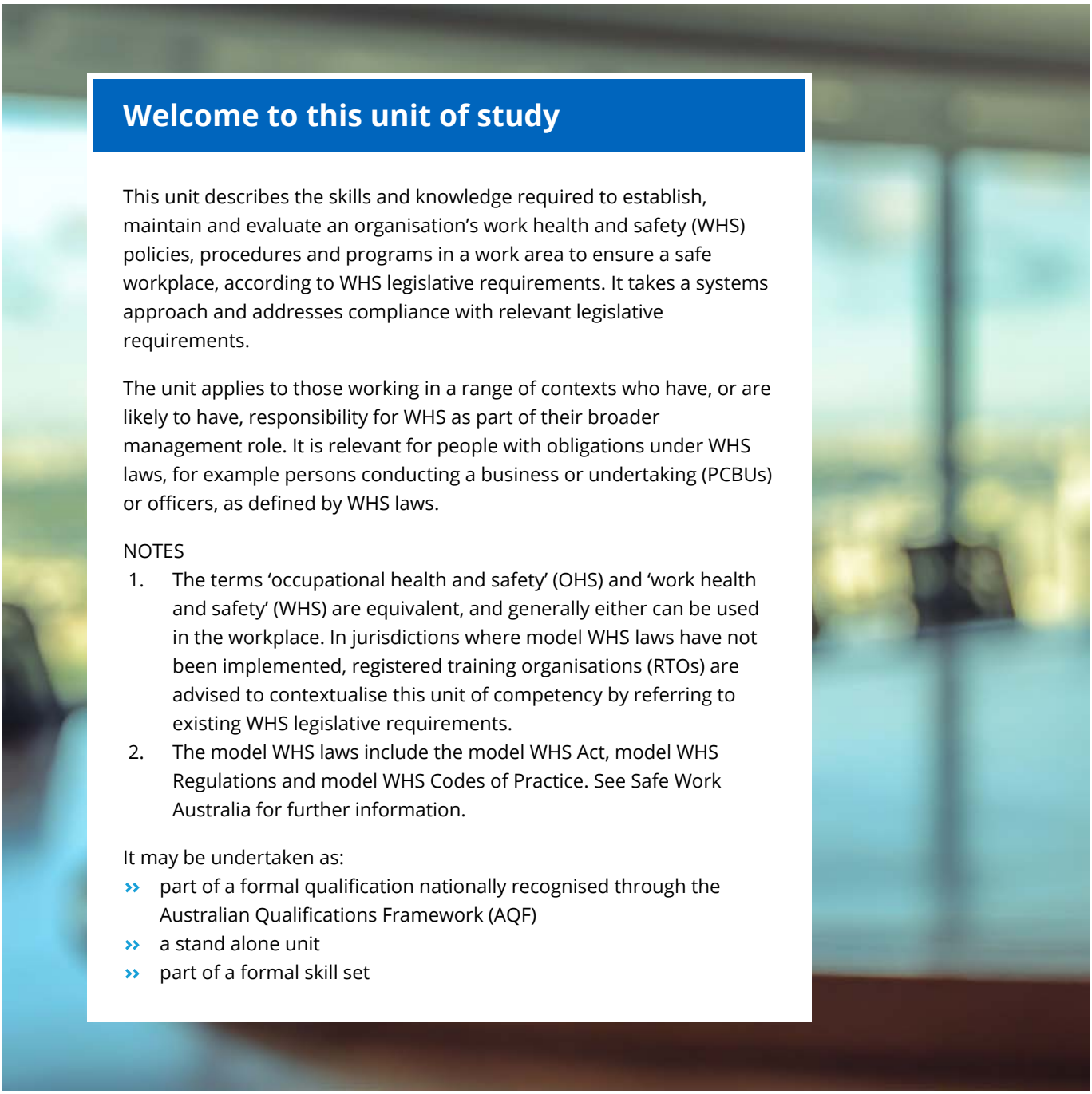

Welcome to this unit of study

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to establish, maintain and evaluate an organisation's work health and safety (WHS) policies, procedures and programs in a work area to ensure a safe workplace, according to WHS legislative requirements. It takes a systems approach and addresses compliance with relevant legislative requirements.

The unit applies to those working in a range of contexts who have, or are likely to have, responsibility for WHS as part of their broader management role. It is relevant for people with obligations under WHS laws, for example persons conducting a business or undertaking (PCBUs) or officers, as defined by WHS laws.

NOTES

1. The terms 'occupational health and safety' (OHS) and 'work health and safety' (WHS) are equivalent, and generally either can be used in the workplace. In jurisdictions where model WHS laws have not been implemented, registered training organisations (RTOs) are advised to contextualise this unit of competency by referring to existing WHS legislative requirements.
2. The model WHS laws include the model WHS Act, model WHS Regulations and model WHS Codes of Practice. See Safe Work Australia for further information.

It may be undertaken as:

- part of a formal qualification nationally recognised through the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF)
- a stand alone unit
- part of a formal skill set

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About this trainer/assessor guide

Learning resource

The learning resource is divided into the following topics:

- Establish a WHS management system in a work area
- Establish and maintain effective and compliant consultative arrangements for managing WHS in a work area
- Establish and maintain procedures for effectively identifying hazards, and assessing and controlling risks in work area
- Evaluate and maintain a work area WHS management system (WHSMS)

Each topic provides information to help you gain the skills and knowledge required to perform the work tasks to which they refer. Read the information and practise the skills described. You should also take the opportunity to undertake additional independent research. Your trainer/assessor may also provide supplementary information including interpretation of the contents of this resource.

At the end of each topic is:

- a set of true or false questions
- a set of multiple choice questions

These questions provide an opportunity to check your understanding and progress. They are self-marking and do not form part of the assessment for the unit.

Assessment workbook

To have this unit recognised as a formal qualification you need to have your skills and knowledge assessed. The assessment workbook provides:

- information on competency-based assessment
- instructions on how you will be assessed
- assessment tools to assess your competence
- instructions on how to complete the assessment tasks within each assessment tool

To be assessed as competent you need to provide evidence that you have the skills and knowledge to undertake the requirements of this unit. This assessment of competency is made by a qualified trainer/assessor from a registered training organisation. You must complete all the assessments as directed by your trainer/assessor to the required standard. It is not necessary to work through the guide in the order in which it is written. However this is at the discretion of your trainer/assessor.

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