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World Water Safety

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CANINE (K9) WATER RESCUE TEAM INSTRUCTOR

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Minimum Recommended Competencies

A K9 water rescue Instructor is a person instructing candidate(s) and K9(s) in the specific requirements of the appropriate ILS K9 water rescue team International Certificate.

The following are the minimum competencies recommended by the International Life Saving Federation for an K9 water rescue team Instructor. ILS recognises that many of its Member Organisations have standards which exceed these minimum, based on the circumstances presented in their own countries. ILS encourages the highest possible standards in lifesaving, and merely provides the following as recommended minimum competencies.

Prerequisites

The prerequisites for course attendance are as follows:

- Minimum 21 years of age.
- Member of the National Federation.
- Possession of the Certificate of the discipline to be Instructed.
- Be a designated Instructor for the candidates and K9 being assessed for the appropriate ILS International Certificate.
- Having experience in rescue with K9.

Learning Outcome 1: Knowledge of the methodology and didactics of K9 Water Rescue Team as per the accreditation guidelines.

Assessment criteria

1. Instruction of a group of candidates for the K9 water rescue team competencies, as per the level of ILS International Certificate.

Learning Outcome 2: Demonstrate and give instructions on a Rescue Techniques programme with a K9 working as a team, with and without equipment.

Assessment criteria

1. Instruction of a group of candidates for the K9 water rescue team competencies, as per the level of ILS International Certificate.

Learning Outcome 3: Demonstrate the delivery of a programme working with a K9 in an aquatic environment, with and without equipment.

Assessment criteria

1. Instruction of a group of candidates for the K9 water rescue team competencies, as per the level of ILS International Certificate.

Learning Outcome 4: Understanding and explanation of handling of resuscitation – FIRST AID equipment in the correct way.

Assessment criteria

1. Instruction of a group of candidates for the K9 water rescue team competencies, as per the level of ILS International Certificate.

Learning Outcome 5: Demonstrate the delivery of a programme of K9 water rescue team instruction in the organisation of rescue operations in an aquatic environment and land-based areas.

Assessment criteria

1. Instruction of a group of candidates for the K9 water rescue team competencies, as per the level of ILS International Certificate.

Assessment Strategy

- These learning outcomes are best assessed using the following common assessment methods:
- Oral questioning.
- Presentation of a written thesis about water lifesaving to the National Education Committee, or equivalent group.
- Oral defence of the thesis during 30 minutes in front of the Education Director or members of the National Education Committee, or equivalent group.
- Assessments to be held by a commission of a minimum of two members authorised by the National Federation/Education Committee as appropriate.
- Assessment documents to be signed by a representative of National Federation/Education Committee.

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