



## Purpose

This procedure outlines the responsibilities associated with mandatory aviation specific skills currencies for medical crew.

The ASNSW has a duty of care to ensure that all aeromedical trained staff members are safe and competent to undertake the scope of their role.

Helicopter medical crew currencies are an essential safety management tool for rescue helicopter operations. Depending on their classification paramedics and doctors are required to maintain a range of specific 'currencies'.

The various aeromedical classifications for helicopter medical crew are:

- Ambulance Rescue Crewperson (ARC)
- Medical Crewperson (MC) and
- Medical Attendant (MA)

It is important to note that the skills listed below are also type specific and each skill must be practised and competency demonstrated for each aircraft type, before the medical person can be considered operational.

## Procedure Standards

1. Static and flight currencies are a key safety management tool. The table below list the currency skill to be performed, its frequency and the actions to be taken should a lapse occur.

Currency	Frequency	Extension	Action on Out of Currency	Remarks
<b>Statics</b>				
Hover Entry/Exit	60 days	Up to 10 days	If > 10 days = Off line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual staff responsibility to maintain (during rostered duty time).</li> </ul>
Patient Harness Lift *				
Stretcher Winch				
Water primary (receipt)	6 months	Up to 1 month	TBC	
In-cabin arrest drill				
<b>Flight</b>				
Hover Entry/Exit	6 months	Up to 10 days	If > 10 days = Off line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual staff responsibility to maintain (during rostered duty time).</li> </ul>
Patient Harness Lift *				
Stretcher Winch (Day)				
Wet - Hypo Strop*				
Wet - Boat Transfer*	12 months	Up to 3 months	If > 3 months = Off line	
Night Winch / NVG *				
HUET	2 years			
Emergency & Survival Check (ESC)	12 months	NIL	ESC expired = Off line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NO ESC EXTENSIONS</li> <li>• Line check-extension possible (providing an ESC complete) due to logistics</li> </ul>
Line Check				

\* = ambulance rescue crewman (ARC) only



2. Particularly with 'block' helicopter training; logistics may impact to such an extent that training scheduling and paramedic roster adjustments may be necessary to achieve currency training in as shorter a time frame as possible.

### **Training Staff**

3. At the base-level, training enquires should be directed to the Ambulance Check & Trainer (or Helicopter Trainers) who will liaise with the S/O's, the Medical Manager and aviation contractor Check & Trainers, as the circumstance requires. Above this level, the Safety/Training Manager liaises with the contractor's Flight Standards department and the Aeromedical Operations Manager to rectify currency overruns/logistics.

### **Records**

4. The duration and scope of helicopter currencies are determined by Ambulance in conjunction with helicopter contractors. The responsibility of recording, publishing and reviewing currencies is shared between Ambulance and contractors.
5. Helicopter currencies are recorded in the currency register, maintained by the aviation contractor. Only training staff can update currency records.

### **For Review**

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