Are you involved in working with communities and the sector to plan for, respond to, or recover from emergencies and disasters? Political Acumen for Emergency Management can support you to navigate the political environment during these phases of a crisis.

This unit is based on the competency:

**PSPGEN057: DEVELOP AND USE POLITICAL NOUS**

Working in a disaster management context is a political activity. It is bounded by legislation, policy, public expectation and influence. Power and politics form the intangible environment in which disaster managers must function. Developing political acumen allows the identification of sources of power, an understanding of how to build alliances and the ability to influence key decision-makers and negotiate with all levels of government to enable better community safety outcomes.

**DELIVERY MODEL**

As accredited training, this unit can be completed online supported by an expert facilitator.

This unit can be delivered as professional development, face-to-face at a location of your choice.

**ASSESSMENT**

Assessment tasks for those undertaking accredited training will confirm the learner's ability to meet the performance criteria, and have direct relevance to the workplace.

**COURSE DURATION**

This unit is scheduled up to 3 times a year and is delivered and assessed over 10 weeks.

The duration of professional development workshops is negotiable.

**PATHWAYS**

This is a nationally recognised qualification from the Public Safety Training Package (PUA12). The training package is an all hazards, multi-agency course suitable for people who work in the industry or have an aligned emergency management role. It is a practical and challenging learning experience designed to enhance or develop skills in emergency management before, during and after a disaster event.

**RECOGNITION AND CREDIT**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and direct credit are available through application.