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**Guidelines for a Candidate having a support person accompany them on an AUSTSWIM course workshop.**

1. The support person will not be enrolled in the course.
2. The support person is not permitted to complete assessments or contribute to class activities on behalf of the Candidate.
3. While the support person may attend the theory sessions, they must sit apart from the Candidate during practical components. During these sessions, the support person may observe but must remain available only in a support capacity if needed.
4. All assessments must be the Candidate's own work. It is acceptable for the support person to transcribe for the Candidate in the Candidate Handbook; however, the content must be directed by the Candidate to ensure full understanding of the task and learning outcomes.
5. These measures are in place to support the Candidate's success and to maintain the integrity and safety of the course.
6. The support worker may be in the water during the practical components of the workshop, for example, to simulate a casualty, but must not, in any way, complete the practical assessment tasks on behalf of the Candidate. These tasks include performing water rescues and teaching tasks.

**In addition, Day 1 of the course workshop runs for nine (9) hours and includes both theoretical (written) and practical (in-water and on poolside) assessment tasks, which some Candidates can find quite tiring.**

Some participants choose to complete Day 2 at a later date, and if a Candidate feels they need to do the same, that option is available via the State Manager/ISS team.

The Candidate should advise the trainer on day 1 whether they are comfortable returning on the following day or would prefer to schedule Day 2 for another time.

Our goal is to ensure this experience is as successful and supportive as possible for the Candidate. If you have any further questions or require assistance, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Workplace Training**

Workplace Training takes place after the face-to-face course workshop. Both the Candidate and Support worker should engage with the venue where they intend to complete this training, to ensure the venue can accommodate this. The support worker would need to remain as an observer on the poolside and not in the swimming lessons that the Candidate is observing.

**AUSTSWIM Licence**

To gain the AUSTSWIM Licence, the Candidate is observed and assessed against set criteria, listed in the Candidate Handbook. This involves being able to take sole responsibility for a group of students who may be as young as three (3) years old and ensuring their safety in a lesson environment at all times. The venue co-ordinator may or may not deem the Candidate competent for this task.

If the Candidate is deemed not competent, they will not receive an AUSTSWIM Licence but may request a Certification of Participation.