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Module 2 CIC Assessment Underground Vertical Systems Scoring Rationale

NB It is not essential to have a client/body to work with for this module but it can help to observe how the candidate works with a less experienced person.

- 1. Fail:** A poor performance
- 2. Defer:** Unsatisfactory – below required level but should be able to remedy
- 3. Developing:** At the standard in most elements but areas can improve
- 4. Good:** Mature client centred approach
- 5. Excellent:** Exceptional performance - aspirational

Surface Navigation

Navigation - Surface strategies for poor visibility, Grid references, Scales, Bearings, Distances by timing, Distances by pacing.

1. The candidate would not be able to find the cave without help
2. The candidate could find the cave in good weather conditions.
3. The candidate could find the cave in poor visibility or at night with reasonable accuracy/speed.
4. The candidate could find the cave in all conditions swiftly and without difficulty.
5. The candidate could find the cave in all conditions swiftly and without difficulty He/she could also impart navigational skills to a client whilst navigating themselves.

Weather and Flood Risk Assessment

Weather forecast and sources, stream levels (present and anticipated), run off conditions, effects of bad weather – surface

1. The candidate had made no effort to look at a forecast. Does not know the flood risk or pattern of venue.
2. The candidate had at least one source of weather forecast for the day and can give outline of flood aspects of venue but cannot relate to the current conditions.
3. The candidate had several sources of weather forecast and could interpret these well. Can discuss the flood pattern well and make good decisions for the day an awareness of previous precipitation in the area was also present.
4. The candidate had several sources of weather forecast and could interpret these well. Can explain the flooding patterns in depth and in different seasons/conditions.
5. The candidate had several sources of weather forecast and could interpret these well. He/she could also determine the effect this would have on the system and explain the hydrology more generally across the area and in other regions, showing a well researched and in depth understanding of hydrological principles.

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Underground Navigation

Guide book and survey interpretation, Route finding

1. The candidate may need to refer to rigging topos frequently including during the rigging of a pitch. Candidate needed frequent help to locate themselves in the cave and was unable to do this from the cave survey.
2. The candidate can interpret the survey/guidebook to work out the route through the cave but unable to accurately and regularly place themselves in the cave on the survey.
3. The candidate can interpret the survey/guidebook to work out expected and features in the cave passages and can accurately place themselves most of the time. Frequent use of survey to place themselves in cave.
4. The candidate can interpret the survey/guidebook to work out expected obstacles and cave passages. Candidate can interpret cave passage size and shape. Candidate can move through system with occasional reference to survey, with accurate location.
5. The candidate can interpret the survey/guidebook to work out expected obstacles and cave passages. Candidate can interpret cave passage size and shape. Candidate can move through system with occasional reference to survey and can develop the client's knowledge and involve the client in the journey. Candidate will have created cave surveys themselves.

Underground Rigging

1. The candidate could not rig pitches without guidance from the assessor.
2. The candidate could rig the pitch without guidance but slowly and with frequent reference to rigging topos.
3. The candidate could rig the pitch safely and smoothly.
4. The candidate could rig the pitch safely and smoothly and adapt the rigging to suit the capability of those following. S/he could discuss other rigging options and justify which would work best.
5. The candidate could rig the pitch safely and smoothly and adapt the rigging to suit the capability of those following. S/he could discuss other rigging options and justify which would also work. The candidate had previously bolted pitches.

Personal SRT Skills

1. The candidate could not perform all standard SRT manoeuvres.
2. The candidate struggled to complete manoeuvres but eventually succeeded.
3. The candidate was able to demonstrate effective use of the SRT techniques.
4. The candidate was able to demonstrate effective use of the technique in a range of situations, swiftly and efficiently.
5. The candidate was able to demonstrate quick and effective use of all expected SRT techniques. The candidate upon further questioning could explain the reasons for why he/she had used a variety of techniques in similar situations.

SRT Rescues (Incident Management)

1. The candidate failed to deal with the incident.
2. The candidate eventually dealt with the incident.
3. The candidate dealt with the incident quickly and efficiently.

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4. The candidate dealt with the incident quickly and efficiently. Upon further questioning the candidate showed knowledge of other techniques that may also have worked in the same situation.
5. The candidate dealt with the incident quickly and efficiently. Upon further questioning the candidate showed knowledge of other techniques that may also have worked in the same situation and could justify why he used the one s/he did.