



Education and Training Services, People Capability Command

Training Outline

TRAINING PROGRAM	Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence Training
CAPABILITY OWNER	Domestic, Family Violence and Vulnerable Persons Command
TRAINING PURPOSE	<p>The Queensland Government will commence a 12-month pilot (Ipswich and Gold Coast Districts) enabling trained police officers to use body worn cameras to obtain video recorded statements from adult complainants to be presented as their evidence-in-chief in certain domestic and family violence (DFV) criminal proceedings before a Magistrates Court.</p> <p>The VRE training will reinforce legislation and policies to provide knowledge and skills for participants to obtain video recorded evidence statements regarding domestic and family violence.</p> <p><i>Purpose of VRE Pilot</i></p> <p>The criminal process can be traumatising and stressful for a DFV complainant. Usually, complainants must re-tell their story several times, including in court. It can be difficult for complainants to recall events by the time of trial, and re-traumatising to re-tell their story.</p> <p>By using VRE statements, the court can see the demeanour of the complainant close to the time of the event while minimising the need to re-tell their story. An accused's ability to influence, coerce or intimidate the complainant, or cause them to not attend a police station to make a complaint, will also be reduced.</p> <p><i>The benefits of VRE are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduced re-traumatisation • more successful prosecutions • time saving in taking a VRE statement <p><i>Legislative requirements for taking VRE statement</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As soon as reasonably practicable: The VRE statement must be taken as soon as practicable after the alleged events that constitute the offence to which the VRE statement relates 2. Informed consent: The complainant must give informed consent to give a VRE statement 3. Trained officers only: The VRE statement must be taken by a 'trained police officer' 4. Acknowledgement: The VRE statement must include a statement from the complainant giving an acknowledgement or oath that the statement is true
COURSES	<p>The Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE) Training consists of three (3) courses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. QC1866_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE) Online Learning Product 2. QC1867_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE)

Face-to-Face

3. QC1868_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recording Evidence (VRE)
Train the Trainer

LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

To be deemed a trained police officer for the purpose of obtaining video recorded evidence from an adult domestic and family violence complainant, an officer must have successfully completed a domestic and family violence training course, approved by the Police Commissioner, for the purpose of taking recorded statements.

To fulfil the training requirements to a high standard, a suite of three training products has been developed:

1. QC1866_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE)
Online Learning Product
2. QC1867_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE)
Face to Face
3. QC1868_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE)
Train the Trainer' Course

To be deemed a trained police officer, an officer must have completed ONE of the following combinations of the three training products:

1. QC1866_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE)
Online Learning Product
2. QC1867_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE)
Face-to-Face

OR

1. QC1866_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE)
Online Learning Product
2. QC1868_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE)
Train the Trainer

COURSE TITLE	QC1866_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE) Online Learning Product
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COURSE OVERVIEW	The QC1866_01 <i>Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE) Online Learning Product</i> provides participants with an understanding of the legislative framework that supports the use of video recorded statements when receiving complaints relating to matters of domestic and family violence, and explains the process, procedures and requirements of obtaining a video recorded evidence (VRE) statement as the complainant's evidence-in-chief in criminal proceedings heard in a Magistrates Court. The OLP also reinforces the importance of police actions, attitudes and behaviours when engaging with DFV complainants, and presents practical strategies for applying a victim-centric and trauma-informed approach.
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DURATION	1.5hrs
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TARGET AUDIENCE	** Pilot program Ipswich and Gold Coast Districts
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The target audience will be specific members from the Gold Coast and Ipswich Districts with a priority of frontline officers who will be most likely to obtain a video recorded statement:

- Frontline officers
- Detectives/Plain Clothes officers
- Domestic and Family Violence Co-ordinators
- Domestic Violence Liaison Officers
- District Vulnerable Persons Units (VPU)

- Prosecutors
- Supervisors/OICs
- Brief Checkers/Brief Managers
- Education and Training Officers

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On completion of the OLP, participants will be able to:

1. identify the benefits of a VRE statement
2. determine who can participate in a VRE statement (both Police and Complainant)
3. understand process, procedures and requirements to obtain an admissible VRE statement
4. understand and apply Victim-Centric, Trauma Informed practice when dealing with complainants of DFV
5. understand how to categorise evidence once uploaded into Evidence.com in accordance with QPS policy
6. understand who has access to the VRE statement.

COURSE CONTENT

Course content has been developed to ensure it meets the above learning outcomes. It includes the following key topics:

- Benefits of VRE
- Relevant amendments to legislation
- Legal pre-requisites for obtaining VRE
- Pre-recording considerations
- Victim-Centric, Trauma-Informed practice
- Investigative Interviewing Techniques
- Recording a VRE statement
- Post VRE process
- Prosecutions and court process
- Disclosure
- Distribution, storage and retention

ASSESSMENT

Tasks embedded throughout OLP to support learning.

Multiple choice questions at conclusion of OLP to evaluate learning.

COURSE TITLE

QC1867_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE) Face to Face

COURSE OVERVIEW

The purpose of this course is to reinforce underlying legislation and policies and provide the knowledge and practical skills for participants to obtain video recorded evidence statements from complainants of domestic and family violence (DFV).

On successful completion of the course, following correct procedures and using victim-centric, trauma-informed investigative interviewing skills, officers will be deemed a successfully trained officer for the purpose of obtaining a DFV video recorded evidence (VRE) statement. On successful completion of the course, following correct procedures and using victim-centric, trauma-informed investigative interviewing skills, officers will be deemed a successfully trained officer for the purpose of obtaining a DFV video recorded evidence (VRE) statement.

DURATION

1 day

PRE-REQUISITES

The following courses are required to be completed prior to attending the *Domestic*

and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE) Face to Face course:

1. Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE) OLP (QC1866_01) – 1.5hrs
2. Coercive Control OLP (QC1773_01) – 1 hr
3. Child Sexual Abuse Fundamentals Education (CSAFE) OLP (QC1832_01) – 3 hrs
4. Body Worn Camera OLP (QC1372_01)

TARGET AUDIENCE

** Pilot program Ipswich and Gold Coast Districts

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- Supervisors/OICs
- Brief Checkers/Brief Managers
- Education and Training Officers

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- clearly explain the key benefits of using VRE for DFV investigations and proceedings
- assess eligibility for VRE
- Comply with relevant legislation and policies when taking VRE
- recognise signs of trauma and apply a victim-centric trauma-informed (VCTI) approach to engage the complainant throughout the VRE process
- identify a suitable location and set up the equipment required to produce VRE of appropriate quality for use in criminal court proceedings
- apply investigative interviewing techniques to ensure admissible evidence is captured by the VRE.

ASSESSMENT

Formative Assessment: These activities are not assessable, however participants must actively participate (role play) in:

- **Mini Scenarios 1 to 7 (inclusive).** (Each scenario has a similar ‘foundation’ scenario, with **eight (8) variations (a-h)** – whichever variation **a group** starts with, they **must stay with the same variation for all the mini scenarios** (e.g. the group starting with Scenario 1(a), must continue with scenarios 2(a), 3(a), 4(a) etc to 7(a)).
- The ‘Complainant’ role player will provide the ‘Police Officer’ role player with **feedback** after various scenarios, **using the ‘Scenario Checklist’** included in the scenario sheets for the relevant scenarios.

Summative Assessment: To achieve a ‘Satisfactory’ outcome in relation to this topic, participants must:

- successfully complete **one ‘Full Scenario’ in the role of ‘Police Officer’**. (There are two scenarios provided, so that each participant gets an opportunity to role play once as a Complainant and once as a Police Officer.)

- The 'Complainant' will record and provide feedback via a **Peer Feedback Form**.

The Facilitator will record and provide feedback via a **Facilitator Observation Sheet** for each 'Police Officer'.)

TRAINING DELIVERY The Gold Coast Face to Face training for front-line officers is set to commence on 18 July 2022 and Ipswich District will commence on 21 July 2022.

COURSE TITLE **QC1868_01 Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence Train-the-Trainer Course**

COURSE OVERVIEW The purpose of this course is to:

- familiarise the participants with the resources to be utilised during the delivery of the Face to Face VRE Course
- advise the participants of how and when to appropriately use these resources as they are facilitating their face-to-face courses
- provide additional information and insight into victim-centric, trauma-informed (VCTI) practices.

DURATION 2 days

PRE-REQUISITES The following courses are required to be completed prior to attending the *Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE) Train the Trainer* course:

1. Domestic and Family Violence Video Recorded Evidence (VRE) OLP (QC1866_01)
2. Coercive Control OLP (QC1773_01)
3. Child Sexual Abuse Fundamentals Education (CSAFE) OLP (QC1832_01)
4. Body Worn Camera OLP (QC1372_01)

TARGET AUDIENCE Selected officers who will deliver the training to the Ipswich and Gold Coast Districts
** Pilot program Ipswich and Gold Coast Districts

LEARNING OUTCOMES On completion of the Train the Trainer, participants will be able to:

- develop requisite knowledge and skills to understand trauma, and trauma responsive practices as relevant to VRE
- develop the requisite knowledge and skills of victim centric investigations
- understand the impact of trauma on memory as relevant to VRE
- understand investigative interviewing techniques to ensure admissible evidence is captured by the VRE
- demonstrate knowledge and skills to enable the delivery of the VRE Face-to-Face course.

ASSESSMENT **Formative Assessment:** These activities are *non-assessable*, but help indicate to the facilitator whether or not participant/s are ready to progress in the session:

- Group exercises – via handouts and practical activities/scenarios
- Participation – discussions, role plays
- Answers given
- Questions asked
- Key messages

Summative Assessment: There is no formal assessment for this workshop.

TRAINING DELIVERY The Train the Trainer program is scheduled to commence from 21 June 2022 for both Districts.