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# **HLT32012 Certificate III in Mortuary Theatre Practice**

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### Modification History

HLT07 Version 4	HLT07 Version 5	Comments
HLT32007 Certificate III in Mortuary Theatre Practice	HLT32007 Certificate III in Mortuary Theatre Practice	ISC upgrade HLTWHS300A C WHS processes changed WHS in the core units

### Description

This qualification covers workers who maintain a mortuary service and assist in autopsies in a hospital or forensic mortuary. Some workers may also be involved in receiving and storing tissues as part of a Tissue Bank role.

This qualification is suited to Australian Apprenticeships pathways.

Occupational titles for these workers may include:

- Mortuary technician
- Pathology technician
- Mortuary attendant
- Mortuary assistant
- Post mortem assistant

### Pathways Information

Not Applicable

### Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

### Entry Requirements

Not Applicable

## Employability Skills Summary

Refer to the Topic: Introduction to the Employability Skills Qualification Summaries

### Packaging Rules

#### PACKAGING RULES

15 units of competency are required for award of this qualification, including:

- 10 core units
- 5 elective units

A wide range of elective units is available, including:

- Group A electives for culturally aware and respectful practice - at least one unit required
- Group B electives which are required for work in mortuary theatre practice
- Group C elective which is recommended for mortuary technicians with pathology museum duties
- Group D elective which is recommended for mortuary technicians who need to operate sterilisers
- Other relevant electives listed below
- Units of competency to address workplace requirements and packaged at the level of this qualification or higher in Health and/or Community Services Training Packages
- Where appropriate, to address workplace requirements, up to 2 units of competency packaged at the level of this qualification or higher in other relevant Training Packages or accredited courses where the details of those courses are available on the TGA or other public listing

#### Core units

HLTAP301B Recognise healthy body systems in a health care context

HLTHIR301C Communicate and work effectively in health

HLTIN301C Comply with infection control policies and procedures

HLTMS208D Handle waste in a health care environment

HLTMT303D Maintain a mortuary service

HLTMT304D Assist with autopsy

HLTMT306D Maintain, clean and store autopsy equipment

HLTMT307B Clean location to achieve low bacteria status

HLTMT310D Collect, preserve and store post mortem samples

HLTWHS300A Contribute to WHS processes

#### The importance of culturally aware and respectful practice

All workers undertaking work in health need foundation knowledge to inform their work with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and co-workers and with clients and co-workers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This foundation must be provided and assessed as part of a holistic approach to delivery and assessment of this qualification. Specific guidelines for assessment of this aspect of competency are provided in the Assessment Guidelines for the Health Training Package.

**Group A electives - at least one unit required for culturally aware and respectful practice**

At least one of the following units is required for this qualification. Where work involves a specific focus on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and/or culturally diverse clients or communities, both units are recommended.

HLTHIR403C Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers

HLTHIR404D Work effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people

**Group B electives - required for work in mortuary theatre practice**

The following units or units with equivalent competency outcomes are required to work in mortuary theatre practice.

BSBFML303C Contribute to effective workplace relationships

HLTAMBPD401C Manage personal stressors in the work environment

**Group C elective - recommended for mortuary technicians with pathology museum duties**

The following unit is recommended for mortuary technicians who are required to undertake pathology museum duties.

HLTMT305D Maintain and record tissue sample collection

**Group D elective - recommended for mortuary technicians who operate sterilisers**

The following unit is recommended for mortuary technicians who are required to operate sterilisers.

SIFMWK003A Clean and sterilise mortuary items and equipment

**Other relevant electives**

Electives are to be selected in line with the specified Packaging Rules. Employers may specify that certain electives are required to address identified workplace needs. Relevant electives may also be identified in the Health, Laboratory Operations, Funeral Services, Business Services and/or Public Sector Training Packages.

HLTMT411C Screen tissue donors

HLTMT412B Receive, store and track evidence

HLTPAT302D Assist with microbiology testing

HLTPAT303D Transport specimens and blood products

MSL973004A Perform aseptic techniques

MSL973007A Perform microscopic examination

MSL974006A Perform biological procedures

(Note pre-requs: MSL973004A and MSL973007A)

MSL974011A Prepare tissue and cell cultures