



Australian Government

**Assessment Requirements for
SIFEMWK002 Clean and sterilise
mortuary items and equipment**

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- identify, sort, handle and store reusable mortuary items and equipment safely
- load, unload, test, operate and maintain cleaning and sterilising equipment to ensure integrity of process using appropriate cleaning chemicals safely
- use work health and safety/occupational health and safety procedures, including standards precautions and the use and maintenance of personal protective equipment
- complete relevant cleaning and sterilisation documentation.

Evidence of performance of cleaning and sterilising mortuary items and equipment on two or more occasions is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- reusable mortuary items and equipment requiring cleaning, disinfecting or sterilising
- sterilising methods, including:
 - steam under pressure
 - low temperature ethylene oxide gas
 - low temperature hydrogen peroxide vapour or plasma
 - chemical
 - dry heat
- safe operating procedures for sterilisers, including procedures for corrective actions, including repeating cycles, reporting faults and disposing of items
- workplace requirements for cleaning, disinfecting, sterilising and disposing of mortuary items and associated recording procedures
- types and characteristics of effective cleaning chemicals for manual cleaning of mortuary instruments and equipment
- use, care and maintenance of personal protective equipment
- workplace documentation reporting requirements including reporting for time, pressure and temperature of each sterilisation cycle, sterilising equipment maintenance, test cycle, cleaning and faults

- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations that impact on cleaning, sterilising and disposing of mortuary items, including work health and safety/occupational health and safety and infection control
- environmental impacts in relation to cleaning and sterilising mortuary items and equipment and minimal impact practices to reduce these, especially those that relate to resource, water and energy use
- correct and environmentally sound disposal methods for all types of waste and in particular for hazardous substance including chemicals used for sterilisation
- Australian standards for testing, operation and maintenance of equipment, and use and storage of chemicals.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that is as industry realistic as possible. In a simulated environment, it is essential that assessment is conducted:

- using suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - a mortuary facility where mortuary items and equipment can be sorted and cleaned, and sharps and hazardous waste can be disposed of appropriately
 - cleaning and sterilising equipment and chemicals
 - mortuary items and equipment requiring cleaning and sterilisation
- under industry conditions where there is:
 - integration of tasks with possible interruptions to work typical of the job role
 - speed and timing requirements that reflect commercial operating conditions

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c2c3131e-4418-4aa3-8ff1-a855c95f7fd6>