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CUV20303 Certificate II in Opal Cutting and Polishing

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Description

Not Applicable

Pathways Information

Not Applicable

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Entry Requirements

Not Applicable

Employability Skills Summary

The following table contains a summary of the **Employability Skills** required for an assistant in a cutting and polishing workshop. The Employability Skills facets described here are broad industry requirements that may vary depending on qualification packaging options.

Communication

- Passing on key safety information to colleagues.
- Sharing information with others.
- Discussing opal buying preferences with colleagues and others in the industry.

Teamwork

- Checking safety procedures with other team members.
- Working collaboratively with other team members.
- Acknowledging the strengths of other team members.

Problem Solving

- Identifying safety issues and reporting them to appropriate person.
- Identifying possible conflicts with team members and suggesting ways of dealing with them.
- Identifying whether a sample is genuine natural opal or a simulated opal.
- Identifying and rectifying equipment faults that do not require specialist attention.

Initiative and Enterprise

- Determining where to cut stones to maximise value and artistic effect.

Planning and Organising

- Identifying risk factors and taking action to minimise risk.
- Organising work tasks to ensure safety.
- Maintaining stock control and other workplace records.
- Surveying market requirements to determine opal cutting strategies.
- Weighing opals to determine yield.
- Planning and executing the process of cutting and polishing opals.
- Planning and performing routine maintenance of equipment.

Self-management

- Following workplace procedures, particularly in relation to OHS.
- Maintaining personal safety standards.
- Taking responsibility within scope of job role.
- Managing own time to meet deadlines.

Learning

- Seeking assistance and advice from others to improve one's own skills and knowledge.

Communication

- Passing on key safety information to colleagues.
- Sharing information with others.
- Discussing opal buying preferences with colleagues and others in the industry.
- Seeking assistance and expert advice from equipment manufacturers.

Technology

- Using security systems.
- Using cameras and scanning equipment.
- Using electronic stock control systems.
- Using the internet for research.
- Using equipment and tools to cut and polish opals.

Packaging Rules

To obtain a Certificate II in Opal Cutting and polishing, **9 units** must be achieved:

Core UnitsComplete **6 units**

BSBOHS201A Participate in OHS processes
 CUECOR02B Work with others
 CUVOPA01B Identify and describe opal
 CUVOPA02B Handle and store rough and cut opal
 CUVOPA03B Complete pre-cutting processes for solid opal
 CUVOPA04B Cut and polish an opal solid

Elective UnitsComplete **3 units**

CUVOPA05B Complete pre-cutting processes for opal doublets and triplets
 CUVOPA06B Cut and polish an opal doublet/triplet
 CUVOPA11B Obtain opal
 CUVOPA14B Undertake operational maintenance of machinery
 FNSICGEN305A Maintain daily financial/business records
 WRRS01B Sell products and services
 WRWSL201A Sell products and services to business customers

Of the three elective units, one may come from any endorsed Training Package at

Core Units**the Certificate II/III level.**

The total package of units must meet the requirements of the Australian Qualifications Framework Descriptor for a Certificate II. In all cases selection of electives must be guided by the job outcome sought, local industry requirements and the level of the qualification.

Notes on Certificate II

This qualification is designed to develop the ability to cut and polish opals at a basic skill level. The qualification is aimed at a young person entering the industry sector, the miner or serious hobbyist wanting hands-on skills in opal cutting and polishing. The qualification provides a pathway which can subsequently be built on to achieve a range of high level outcomes in the industry.

The Certificate II is a flexible qualification and choice of elective units can provide for a range of outcomes. Examples of appropriate units for particular jobs at this level are as follows.

A person working as an assistant in a cutting and polishing workshop

BSBOHS201A	Participate in OHS processes
CUECOR02B	Work with others
CUVOPA01B	Identify and describe opal
CUVOPA02B	Handle and store rough and cut opal
CUVOPA03B	Complete pre-cutting processes for light solid opal
CUVOPA04B	Cut and polish an opal solid
CUVOPA11B	Obtain opal
CUVOPA14B	Undertake operational maintenance of machinery
WRRS01B	Sell products and services