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CUV20311 Certificate II in Opal Cutting and Polishing

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Modification History

Version	Comments
CUV20311	This version first released with <i>CUV11 Visual Arts, Craft and Design Training Package version 1.0</i>

Description

This qualification reflects entry-level skills in cutting and polishing opals. It is aimed at a young person entering the industry sector or the miner 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.

Pathways Information

Pathways into the qualification

People may enter this qualification with little or no vocational experience and without a lower level qualification.

Pathways from the qualification

This qualification prepares people for entry-level roles in the opal industry.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of endorsement.

Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

Employability Skills Summary

The following table contains a summary of the employability skills as identified by the visual arts, craft and design industries for this qualification. The employability skills facets described here are broad industry requirements that may vary depending on qualification packaging options.

Employability skill	Industry/enterprise requirements for this qualification
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing on key safety information to colleagues • sharing information with others • discussing opal buying preferences with colleagues and others in the industry
Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • checking safety procedures with other team members • working collaboratively with other team members • acknowledging the strengths of other team members
Problem-solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determining where to cut stones to maximise value and artistic effect
Planning and organising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identifying risk factors and taking action to minimise risk • organising work tasks to ensure safety • maintaining stock control and other workplace records • weighing opals to determine yield • planning and executing the process of cutting and polishing opals • planning and performing routine maintenance of equipment
Self-management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seeking assistance and advice from others to improve one's own skills and knowledge • seeking assistance and expert advice from equipment manufacturers

Employability skill	Industry/enterprise requirements for this qualification
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

Total number of units = 9

6 core units *plus*

3 elective units

The elective units consist of:

- 1 unit from the elective list below
- of the remaining 2 units:
 - up to 2 may be from the list of elective units below
 - up to 2 may be from Certificate II in any currently endorsed Training Package
 - 1 may be from a Certificate I or III in any currently endorsed Training Package
 - 1 may be from an accredited course at Certificate I, II or III.

The elective units chosen must be relevant to the work outcome and meet local industry needs.

Core units

BSBOHS201A Participate in OHS processes

CUECOR02C Work with others

CUVOPA201A Identify and assess opal

CUVOPA202A Handle and store rough and cut opal

CUVOPA203A Complete pre-cutting processes for solid opals

CUVOPA204A Cut and polish solid opals

Elective units

Design

BSBDES201A Follow a design process

BSBDES202A Evaluate the nature of design in a specific industry context

Financial administration

BSBFIA301A Maintain financial records

Information technology

BSBITU101A Operate a personal computer

BSBITU102A Develop keyboard skills

BSBITU201A Produce simple word processed documents

BSBITU203A Communicate electronically

Micro business

BSBSMB201A Identify suitability for micro business

Opal cutting and polishing

CUVOPA205A Complete pre-cutting processes for opal doublets and triplets

CUVOPA206A Cut and polish opal doublets and triplets

CUVOPA405A Obtain opal

CUVOPA408A Undertake routine operational maintenance of machinery

Sales

SIRXSL001A Sell products and services

Sustainability

BSBSUS201A Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices

Selecting electives for different outcomes

The following examples are designed to assist in the selection of appropriate electives for particular outcomes at this level, but are in no way prescriptive.

Assistant in an opal cutting and polishing workshop

Core units plus:

- CUVOPA405A Obtain opal
- CUVOPA408A Undertake routine operational maintenance of machinery
- SIRXSL001A Sell products and services