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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	<p>This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 2.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages.</p> <p>Significant changes to the elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment, including volume and frequency requirements. Significant change to knowledge evidence.</p>

Performance Evidence

The candidate must show evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the job role. There must be evidence that the candidate has:

- followed established technical, infection control and safety procedures when handling at least 4 different specimen types

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate essential knowledge required to effectively complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit, manage tasks and manage contingencies in the context of the work role. This includes knowledge of:

- legal and ethical considerations for specimen handling (national, state/territory, local):
 - codes of practice
 - records management and labelling
 - privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
 - work role boundaries – responsibilities and limitations
 - work health and safety
 - standard infection control requirements:
 - hand hygiene
 - use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - avoiding contact with bodily fluids
 - needle stick injury considerations
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- waste disposal
 - different types of medical specimens and associated handling procedures, including those for:
 - urine
 - blood
 - oral fluids
 - skin scrapings
 - storage conditions for different types of specimen
 - transport requirements for different types of specimen
 - types of on-site tests and how they are conducted, including:
 - uriscreen
 - pregnancy tests
 - blood glucose level measurement
 - how to deal appropriately with adverse incidents

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - real specimens
 - packaging
 - storage facilities
 - documented procedures for the candidate to follow
- modelling of industry operating conditions, including integration of situations requiring problem solving

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>
