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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 procedures, safety requirements and infection control guidelines in the receipt, registration, sorting, storage and dispatch of at least 5 different pathology specimens

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 pathology specimen reception and preparation work, and how these are applied in organisations:
 - codes of practice, impact on national laboratory standards on role
 - privacy, confidentiality and disclosure
 - records management
 - work role boundaries
 - types of hazardous substances that may be received and how to respond:
 - bio-hazardous substances
 - formalin
 - hydrochloric acids
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- additives and fixatives
- criteria for rejection of specimens at reception stage
- pre-test processing requirements and procedures:
 - coding
 - sorting
 - aliquotting
- medical terminology and chemical abbreviations used in the pathology specimen handling process

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:
 - pipettes
 - aliquot pots
 - personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - contaminated waste disposal
 - fridge
 - dryer
 - temperature controls
- modelling of industry operating conditions, including presence 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>
