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# **LMTDC2010A Identify fabric and garment cleaning requirements**

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### **Modification History**

Not applicable.

### **Unit Descriptor**

**Unit descriptor**      This unit covers the skills and knowledge to identify fabric handling requirements from care labelling instructions.

## Application of the Unit

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The unit applies to interpreting care labelling instructions on fabric and garments and determining implications for cleaning and handling.

Care labelling practices and procedures followed in this unit are in accordance with current standards published by the *Standards Association of Australia*, and are mandatory under the *Trade Practices Act*.

Work may be conducted in small to large scale enterprises and may involve individual and team activities.

The application of this unit is according to OHS practices of the enterprise and workplace practices, which may include:

- requirements prescribed by legislation, awards, agreements and conditions of employment
- standard operating procedures
- work instructions
- oral, written and visual communication
- quality practices, including responsibility for maintenance of own work quality and contribution to quality improvement of team or section output
- housekeeping
- tasks related to environmental protection, waste disposal, pollution control, and recycling

This unit requires the application of skills associated with identifying, understanding and accurately applying information and knowledge of fabrics and care labels. This unit also requires and ability to plan and organise cleaning requirements and identify problems and consequences of improper fabric identification and care.

## Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

## Pre-Requisites

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## Employability Skills Information

**Employability Skills** This unit contains employability skills.

## Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Not applicable.

## Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1 Interpret care labelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.1 Information on care labels is identified</li><li>1.2 Care labelling symbols are interpreted</li><li>1.3 Meaning of care instructions is identified</li><li>1.4 Care categories are identified</li><li>1.5 Role of Australian Standards in care labelling is identified</li><li>1.6 Care considerations are identified</li><li>1.7 Care labelling information is used to identify potential fabric problems caused by improper handling</li><li>1.8 Consequences of improper care are identified</li></ul>
2 Identify fabric or garment cleaning requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.1 Fabrics are correctly identified</li><li>2.2 Fabric finishes, trims and embellishments that may affect handling are identified</li><li>2.3 Care requirements of garments are identified</li><li>2.4 Measures to control fabric problems are determined, according to fabric handling requirements and OHS practices</li><li>2.5 Information resources are used to expand own knowledge of cleaning requirements</li></ul>

## Required Skills and Knowledge

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Demonstrates knowledge of:

- common and fragile fabric types
- main causes of fabric problems
- common fabric problems
- Australian standards for care labelling
- control measures for the prevention of fabric problems
- quality standards and practices
- OHS practices, including hazard identification and control measures
- workplace practices
- recording and reporting practices

Demonstrates skills to:

- identify fabrics
- identify fabric problems
- identify fibre and fabric finishes, trims and embellishments that may affect handling procedures
- identify fabric handling requirements
- read, interpret and follow information on work specifications, standard operating procedures and work instructions, and other reference material
- maintain accurate records
- communicate within the workplace
- sequence operations
- meet specifications
- clarify and check task-related information
- carry out work according to OHS practices

## Evidence Guide

The Evidence Guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria, Required Skills and Knowledge, the Range Statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

<b>Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit</b>	<p>Demonstrates skills and knowledge to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• interpret care labelling information</li><li>• identify influences on care labelling</li><li>• identify care requirements and control measures for a range of garments</li></ul> <p>Consistently applies skills and knowledge when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• organising work</li><li>• completing tasks according to instructions</li><li>• working systematically with attention to detail</li><li>• identifying improvements and avoiding damage</li><li>• using workplace practices</li><li>• using OHS practices</li><li>• recording and reporting accidents and incidents</li><li>• assessing operational readiness of equipment</li><li>• recognising and adapting to cultural differences in the workplace, including modes of behaviour and interactions</li></ul>
<b>Context and specific resources for assessment</b>	<p>Assessment may occur on the job or in an appropriately simulated environment and requires access to work areas, materials and equipment and to information on workplace practices and OHS practices.</p>
<b>Guidance information for assessment</b>	<p>This unit may be assessed independently or in combination with other relevant units.</p>

## Range Statement

### RANGE STATEMENT

The Range Statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording, if used in the Performance Criteria, is detailed below. Add any essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts.

**Legislative/regulatory requirements** All work must comply with relevant Federal and State or Territory legislative or regulatory requirements.

**Information on care labelling includes:**

- country of origin
- fibre content, eg 80% wool 20% polyester
- care instructions for:
  - hand washing
  - washing
  - drying
  - ironing
- special requirements, eg hanging
- dry cleaning
- prohibitions against specific actions such as "do not bleach"

**Meanings of care instructions includes:**

- machine wash
- hand wash
- iron
- hot
- warm
- cold
- dry clean
- tumble dry
- high
- low
- medium
- bleach
- press
- steam

**Care categories include:**

- general instructions and warnings
- washing
- drying
- ironing
- dry cleaning

**Care considerations include:**

- fibre used
- fabric construction

Fabric problems include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• trimming, interfacing, lining, decorations, buttons</li><li>• design of article</li><li>• dyes used</li><li>• special treatments (eg waterproofing)</li><li>• normal care treatment</li><li>• differential shrinkage</li><li>• heat shrinkage</li><li>• chafing</li><li>• light fading and fume fading</li><li>• hardening of printed fabrics</li><li>• loss of body, lustre and sheen</li><li>• holes, yarn slippage and fraying</li><li>• discoloration or rings</li><li>• loss of embossed design</li><li>• relaxation shrinkage</li><li>• distortion of bias cut fabrics</li><li>• yarn slippage</li><li>• separation of bonded fabric</li><li>• garment failures</li></ul>
Consequences of improper care includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• customer dissatisfaction</li><li>• customer claims</li><li>• articles fail to return to original appearance</li></ul>
Fabrics may include:	<p>Fabrics include natural and synthetic single yarn fabrics and blends and can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• knitted fabrics including weft knits and warp knits</li><li>• woven fabrics including plain, twill, satin, dobby, jacquard and pile</li><li>• non-woven fabrics such as felts, nets, braids, bonded and composite</li><li>• emerging smart fabrics</li></ul> <p>Common fabrics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cotton</li><li>• wool</li><li>• flax</li><li>• silk</li><li>• viscose</li><li>• acetate</li><li>• nylon</li><li>• polyester</li><li>• acrylic</li><li>• elastomeric</li></ul>



	<p>Special fabrics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• satin weave fabrics</li><li>• taffeta fabric</li><li>• rib fabrics</li><li>• jacquard fabrics</li><li>• velvets</li><li>• sheer fabrics</li><li>• specialty woollens</li></ul>
Fibre and fabric finishes, trims and embellishments may include but are not restricted to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• waterproofing</li><li>• dyes</li><li>• preservatives</li><li>• tannins</li><li>• finishes used for crease resistance</li><li>• fire retarders</li><li>• waterproofing or water resisting finishes</li><li>• coloration for structural or applied design such as printing or dyeing</li><li>• surface finishes for aesthetics, stability or serviceability</li><li>• interlacing and interloping</li><li>• trimming</li><li>• interfacing</li><li>• lining</li><li>• decorations</li><li>• buttons</li><li>• embossing</li><li>• embroidery</li></ul>
OHS practices	<p>OHS practices include hazard identification and control, risk assessment and implementation of risk reduction measures specific to the tasks described by this unit, and may relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• manual handling techniques</li><li>• standard operating procedures</li><li>• personal protective equipment</li><li>• safe materials handling</li><li>• taking of rest breaks</li><li>• ergonomic arrangement of workplaces</li><li>• following marked walkways</li><li>• safe storage of equipment</li><li>• housekeeping</li><li>• reporting accidents and incidents</li><li>• environmental practices</li></ul>

## **Unit Sector(s)**

**Sector** Dry Cleaning