MEM05050 Perform routine gas metal arc welding
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Modification History
Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MEM05050B Perform routine gas metal arc welding

Application
This unit of competency defines the skills and knowledge required to prepare materials and carry out routine gas metal arc welding (GMAW) and applies in a maintenance or manufacturing environment where the weld quality is not required to meet an Australian Standard or equivalent.

Where welding is required to meet AS 1554 General Purpose or equivalent codes, work health and safety (WHS) regulations and/or licensing requirements unit MEM05017 Weld using gas metal arc welding process should also be selected.

Where the interpretation of technical drawings is required unit MEM09002 Interpret technical drawing should also be selected.

Where the selection and use of engineering measurement is required unit MEM12023 Perform engineering measurements should also be selected.

Where the selection and use of tools is required unit MEM18001 Use hand tools and unit MEM18002 Use power tools/hand held operations, should also be selected as appropriate.

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

Band: A
Unit Weight: 2

Pre-requisite Unit
MEM11011 Undertake manual handling
MEM13015 Work safely and effectively in manufacturing and engineering
MEM16006 Organise and communicate information

Competency Field
Fabrication
## Elements and Performance Criteria

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<td><strong>1 Determine job requirements</strong></td>
<td>1.1 Follow standard operating procedures (SOPs)  &lt;br&gt; 1.2 Comply with work health and safety (WHS) requirements at all times  &lt;br&gt; 1.3 Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with SOPs  &lt;br&gt; 1.4 Identify job requirements from specifications, sketches, job sheets or work instructions</td>
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<td><strong>2 Prepare materials and equipment for welding</strong></td>
<td>2.1 Identify location of welds in accordance with procedures and job specifications  &lt;br&gt; 2.2 Clean and prepare materials ready for welding  &lt;br&gt; 2.3 Set up welding equipment to meet work requirement  &lt;br&gt; 2.4 Select settings and consumables to suit application</td>
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<td><strong>3 Perform routine welding using GMAW</strong></td>
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### Foundation Skills

This section describes those required skills (reading, writing, oral communication and numeracy) that are essential to workplace performance in this unit of competency.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

### Range of Conditions

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**Welds include the following:**
- butt
- fillet

**Materials include one (1) or more of the following:**
- low carbon
- mild steels

**Prepared includes one (1) or more of the following:**
- pre-heating
- setting up jigs
- fixtures
- clamps
- joint preparation

**Welding equipment includes the following:**
- hoses
- welding leads and gas shrouds
- gas regulators
- liners
- contact tips

**Consumables include the following:**
- filler wire and shielding gas

**Clean includes the following:**
- slag and spatter

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**Unit Mapping Information**

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**Links**

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