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Modification History
Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MEM10009B Install refrigeration and air conditioning plant and equipment

Application
This unit of competency defines the skills and knowledge required to install refrigeration/air conditioning systems in commercial, industrial, marine and transport applications in accordance with all relevant Commonwealth, state or territory legislation and regulatory requirements.

Work is undertaken using new or existing internal or external locations and sites and footings, foundations, beds and frameworks are completed prior to installation.

This unit should not be selected with unit MEM10006 Install machine/plant.

Where extensive fitting and alignment are required then see the following units:
- MEM18006 Perform precision fitting of engineering components
- MEM18009 Perform precision levelling and alignment of machines and engineering components

Where modifications involve electrical disconnection and reconnection see unit MEM18049 Disconnect/reconnect fixed wired equipment up to 1000 volts a.c./1500 volts d.c.

A Refrigerant Handling Licence must be held by any person who carries out work in relation to refrigeration and air conditioning equipment.

Band: A
Unit Weight: 4

Pre-requisite Unit
MEM05006 Perform brazing and/or silver soldering
MEM09002 Interpret technical drawing
MEM10010 Install pipework and pipework assemblies
MEM11011 Undertake manual handling
MEM12023 Perform engineering measurements
MEM13015 Work safely and effectively in manufacturing and engineering
MEM16006 Organise and communicate information
MEM18001 Use hand tools
MEM18002 Use power tools/hand held operations
MEM18055 Dismantle, replace and assemble engineering components
MEM18086 Test, recover, evacuate and charge refrigeration systems

**Competency Field**
Installation and commissioning

**Elements and Performance Criteria**

Elements describe the essential outcomes. Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

1. **Determine job requirements**
   1.1 Follow standard operating procedures (SOPs)
   1.2 Comply with work health and safety (WHS) requirements at all times
   1.3 Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with SOPs
   1.4 Identify job requirements from specifications, drawings, job sheets or work instructions

2. **Inspect and prepare installation site**
   2.1 Check site for correct location, dimension and levels using appropriate measuring equipment and standard refrigeration/air conditioning practices
   2.2 Report non-compliance with specification to appropriate authority
   2.3 Undertake alteration/correction with approval of appropriate authority
   2.4 Prepare all surfaces, materials and components for use
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3.1 Carry out all work safely and in accordance with site procedures and to relevant standards

3.2 Organise refrigeration/air conditioning plant and equipment/components for correct sequential installation

3.3 Install refrigeration/air conditioning plant and equipment/components in conformance with manufacturers’ and site specifications

3.4 Undertake routine modifications/alterations of the refrigeration/air conditioning plant and equipment according to procedures, as required

3.5 Ensure refrigeration/air conditioning plant and equipment are levelled, aligned, coupled and connected in accordance with specifications

3.6 Ensure the refrigeration system is charged with refrigerant and lubricant in accordance with procedures

3.7 Clean the site and clear all debris and leave in a safe state

4 Start up refrigeration/air conditioning plant and equipment and check operation

4.1 Develop start-up procedure for the refrigeration/air conditioning plant and equipment

4.2 Ensure the refrigeration/air conditioning plant and equipment are operated and assessed for conformance to specification

4.3 Identify non-conformances and system faults and take appropriate action/adjustments to specification

4.4 Complete all reports and documentation to required specifications

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**

This field allows for different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

- **Measuring equipment includes one (1) or more of the following:**
  - lasers
  - dumpy levels

- **Relevant standards include one (1) or more of the following:**
  - Australian Standards
  - building codes
  - air conditioning/refrigeration standards
  - local authority standards
  - environmental standards
  - greenhouse emission regulations

- **Refrigeration/air conditioning plant and equipment/components include one or more of the following:**
  - compressors
  - evaporators
  - condensers
  - valves
  - controllers
  - fans
  - solenoids
  - sensors
  - thermostats
  - switches
  - recorders

- **Routine modifications/alterations include one (1) or more of the following:**
  - fitting of spacers
  - relocation of brackets
  - alignment of holes

- **Appropriate action includes the following:**
  - in accordance with urgency requirements to address equipment failure and/or personnel danger
Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b7050d37-5fd0-4740-8f7d-3b7a49c10bb2