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MEM23134 Evaluate jigs and fixtures

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MEM23134A Evaluate jigs and fixtures.

Application

This unit of competency defines the skills and knowledge required to evaluate design features and functions of jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges for the machining, fabrication, assembly and welding of manufactured products including evaluating the safety and suitability of proposed or existing jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges for the manufacture of components for engineering or related applications.

It is suitable for people working as tool designers and maintenance technicians or paraprofessionals and draftspersons, and for those pursuing manufacturing engineering or related technical qualifications and careers.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

MEM23004 Apply technical mathematics

MEM23109 Apply engineering mechanics principles

Competency Field

Engineering science

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Determine scope of evaluation	1.1 Identify purpose and extent of use of jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges to be evaluated 1.2 Confirm stakeholders to be consulted on evaluation 1.3 Confirm that appropriate support, including technical and professional assistance, is available 1.4 Identify relevant work health and safety (WHS) and regulatory requirements, standards, codes of practice, risk management and

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	organisational procedures
2. Prepare for evaluation	2.1 Identify principles and techniques required to evaluate and optimise selected jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges and their use in related manufacturing processes 2.2 Select appropriate analysis and development software and software validation techniques 2.3 Consult with relevant tradespersons or contractors on any specific requirements or constraints for manufacture, supply or modification of jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges
3. Evaluate jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges and related manufacturing processes	3.1 Review design and construction features and functions of jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges and related manufacturing processes 3.2 Apply systems thinking, continuous improvement, problem-solving and decision-making, and constraint and contingency management principles and techniques to evaluation 3.3 Assess jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges for compliance with WHS and other regulatory and risk management requirements 3.4 Assess jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges, products and processes for sustainability 3.5 Assess effectiveness of integration of jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges with lean systems and techniques used within the organisation 3.6 Review integration of jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges with production management and control software 3.7 Assess effectiveness of jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges for manufacturing process design and optimisation 3.8 Review jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges in relation to product manufacturability and process maintainability
4. Report results	4.1 Record results of evaluation 4.2 Provide documentation including tool, product and process analysis, and computer-aided design (CAD) files

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

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.

Jigs and fixtures are used for one or more of the following:	- to position, hold and support components for assembly, fabrication or machining operations - guide operations including drilling - to enable large numbers of components to be machined or assembled identically while maintaining the correct relationship and alignment between the tool and the work piece - to ensure interchangeability of components.
Templates are production tools used to:	- accurately manufacture duplicate and interchangeable parts - perform positioning and guidance functions - check profiles for machining and fabrication operations.
Features and functions, of jigs, fixtures, templates and gauges include:	- materials used in their construction - method of fabrication including welding and machining - dimensions and tolerances - method of holding or locating work pieces or production items - method of installation and any capacity for operator adjustment during use - method of adjustment for production changeover - where the jig, fixture, template or gauge is being used by someone other than the designer or manufacturer, the degree of training required for its correct use - any limitations on the use of the jig, fixture, template and gauge - cost - degree of saving generated by the jig, fixture, template or gauge over alternatives and the saving can be in: - quality - error rate - production capacity - labour requirement.
WHS, regulatory requirements and organisational procedures	- WHS acts, regulations and relevant standards - codes of practice from Australian and overseas engineering and technical associations and societies

include:	• risk assessments • safe work practices • state and territory regulatory requirements.
Appropriate technical and professional assistance includes:	• technical support and advice relating to elements which have intrinsic dangers • professional support for technologies.
Sustainability includes:	• meeting all regulatory requirements • conforming to all industry covenants, protocols and best practice guides • minimising ecological and environmental footprint of process, plant and product • maximising economic benefit of process plant and product to the organisation and the community • minimising the negative WHS impact on employees, community and customer.
Continuous improvement implementation includes one or more of the following techniques:	• balanced scorecard • current and future state mapping • measuring performance against benchmarks • process improvement, problem solving and decision making • data management, generation, recording, analysing, storing and use of software • training for improvement systems participation • technical training.
Constraints and contingencies include one or more of the following:	• financial • organisational • procedural • cultural • physical (resource, access and logistical limitations).
Lean principles affecting tooling and related processes include:	• tooling and processing costs • capacity and responsiveness to product demand • quality of product • reliability of tooling, process and supply • waste minimisation which includes ease of tool change.

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b7050d37-5fd0-4740-8f7d-3b7a49c10bb2>