



Australian Government

MEM234003 Design machines and ancillary equipment

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MEM234003A Design machines and ancillary equipment.

Application

This unit of competency defines the skills and knowledge required to design significant machinery and ancillary equipment for domestic, commercial, industrial, medical, military or entertainment purposes. It includes consideration of sustainability implications, work health and safety (WHS) requirements, product analysis and product life cycle design as part of the process of investigating and generating ideas. It also includes use of software, modelling and calculations, prototype completion, manufacture and evaluation.

Design activities can also consist of reverse engineering, design rectification or modifications of an existing design. Activities can be the design of specific machine elements such as shafts, bearings, brakes, clutches, springs, pressure vessels, flywheels, and can also be a selection of ancillary equipment such as motors, pumps and valves.

This unit applies to individuals working as a Principal Technical Officer or in an equivalent engineering-related position who are required to design machines and ancillary equipment.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Engineering science

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Clarify the design task and elaborate the specification	1.1 Establish required features of machine and ancillary equipment in consultation with client 1.2 Determine parameters of the brief or contract 1.3 Determine stakeholders to be consulted in design process 1.4 Assess WHS, regulatory, sustainability or environmental issues

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	relevant to design task 1.5 Confirm design brief, including budget and schedule, and provide preliminary advice on feasibility
2. Perform design analysis and prepare concept proposals	2.1 Carry out initial investigations and measurements 2.2 Use current industrial design techniques and carry out required modelling and calculations using appropriate software 2.3 Generate solutions that respond to the design brief 2.4 Check feasibility and evaluate solutions against design criteria, ensuring conformity to standards and codes, technical, economic and WHS requirements 2.5 Determine social and sustainability implications of solutions 2.6 Review concept proposals with client and identify preferred solution
3. Design machines and equipment	3.1 Finalise selected machine or equipment design and ensure preparation of all required documentation, drawings, specifications and instructions 3.2 Consult with client and stakeholders to obtain sign-off on design 3.3 Monitor installation and commissioning with stakeholders and make any necessary adjustments to design

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.

Parameters of the design brief include:	- determination of the degree of innovation and creativity expected by the client - design process limits and budgets
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	• product cost limits and budgets • performance specifications • equipment availability, capacities and restrictions • specified administrative, communication and approval procedures • other special features and limits in the design brief.
WHS, regulatory, sustainability and environmental issues include:	• WHS acts, regulations and relevant standards • industry codes of practice • risk assessments • registration requirements • safe work practices • 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 • state and territory regulatory requirements.
Solutions include those which:	• satisfy the technical requirements of the design brief • are within budget • are able to be manufactured • meet any regulatory requirements • minimise environmental and sustainability impacts.
Current industrial design techniques include:	• sustainability and energy conservation • life cycle design and recyclable components • maintainability, manufacturability and reliability • use of current codes and standards and risk minimisation • developments in design techniques and design software along with software validation techniques.

Unit Mapping Information

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