



Australian Government

MSFID5011 Specify soft furnishings for complete interior solution

Release: 1

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Modification History

Release 1 - New unit of competency

Application

This unit of competency covers researching, specifying and recommending innovative and cost-effective styles, technologies and decorative solutions to enhance and complement interior design schemes using soft furnishings.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Competency Field

Unit Sector

Interior Decoration and Design

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

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

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| 1 Assess project requirements | 1.1 Applicable work health and safety (WHS), legislative and organisational requirements relevant to researching and recommending decorative solutions are verified and complied with |
| | 1.2 Project brief is reviewed, confirmed and clarified with client |
| | 1.3 Parameters for the project are assessed and confirmed |
| | 1.4 Resources are selected appropriate to work requirements and checked for operational effectiveness |
| | 1.5 Communication with others is established and maintained |
| | 1.6 Intended applications and effects for the windows, |

- furniture and soft furnishings are identified
- 2 Determine decorative treatments for windows and openings
 - 2.1 Window treatments, their application and fixing technologies are researched to determine suitability for client requirements
 - 2.2 New technologies in window treatments are researched and relevance for decorative projects identified
 - 2.3 The types of openings and their requirements are identified and a range of possible creative solutions determined
 - 2.4 Window or opening is measured and details recorded accurately for a range of window treatments
 - 2.5 Fabric requirements are calculated and manufacturing requirements determined for a range of window treatments taking into consideration pattern repeats
 - 3 Specify furniture transformation
 - 3.1 Methods of transforming a range of furniture and furnishings are researched
 - 3.2 Design considerations are investigated and assessed against the project brief
 - 3.3 Fabrics and materials are selected for furniture
 - 3.4 Furniture transformation ideas are documented and specified
 - 3.5 Cost estimates are calculated and assessed against project budget
 - 4 Specify soft floor coverings
 - 4.1 Range of floor coverings available for application are identified and analysed to determine most suitable fit
 - 4.2 New technologies in flooring are researched and relevance for decorative project identified
 - 4.3 The features, limitations and environmental impact of selected floor covering is assessed against performance requirements and environmental standards
 - 4.4 Floor area is measured and specifications recorded for flooring solution
 - 4.5 Costs are calculated and assessed against project budget

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| 5 | Specify soft furnishings | 5.1 | Soft furnishings are selected to meet the requirements of the brief and the overall design scheme |
| | | 5.2 | Specifications are documented to record colour, sizing, style and fabric details |
| | | 5.3 | Arrangement of soft furnishings is documented in design schedules |
| | | 5.4 | Costs of soft furnishings are calculated and assessed against project budget |
| 6 | Document and present decorative recommendations | 6.1 | Innovative design solution to brief is presented taking into consideration parameters of design brief |
| | | 6.2 | Fabrics, furnishings and fixing technologies are selected taking into consideration parameters of project brief |
| | | 6.3 | Specifications are documented for all treatment recommendations |
| | | 6.4 | Schedule is presented that includes both high and low costing to support design solution |
| | | 6.5 | Solution to brief is visualised graphically and in 3-D form |
| | | 6.6 | Sample board is created to enhance and support the design intention |
| | | 6.7 | Feedback and follow up is instigated and maintained with the client |

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency. Detail on appropriate performance levels for each furnishing unit of competency in reading, writing, oral communication and numeracy utilising the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) are provided in the Furnishing Training Package Implementation Guide.

Range of Conditions

Specifies 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. Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

- Unit context includes:**
- WHS requirements, including legislation, building codes, material safety management systems, hazardous and dangerous goods codes, and local safe operating procedures or equivalent
 - work is carried out in accordance with legislative obligations, environmental legislation, relevant health regulations, manual handling procedures, Liveable and Accessible Housing Design guidelines, and organisation insurance requirements
 - work requires individual to demonstrate discretion, judgement and problem solving, plus self-management and learning skills
- Project brief includes:**
- client needs and objectives
 - client aims and objectives, and criteria for evaluation
 - milestones
 - organisational or personal profiles and aims
 - image requirements and function
 - target market
 - budget
 - timeline
 - consultation requirements
 - colour requirements
- Clients include:**
- suppliers
 - manufacturers
 - private clients
 - colleagues
 - retailers
 - the public
- Parameters include:**
- scope of brief
 - approval to make changes
 - effect or feel trying to be achieved
 - functionality (short and long term)
 - budget restrictions
 - established timelines
- Resources include:**
- computers
 - computer software

- design software
 - computer-aided design (CAD) software
 - colour boards
 - storyboards
 - swatches
 - product based colour systems, such as Munsell or similar
 - colour matching system, such as Pantone Matching System (PMS)
 - journals (directions magazines)
 - artistic equipment and products
 - model making equipment
- Research includes:**
- internet
 - magazines
 - catalogues
 - retail or wholesale outlets
 - books
 - site visits
- Pattern repeats include:**
- textiles or fabrics with a distinctive print and how often that pattern repeats within the applicable square metreage required for a project so as to meet conformity
- Environmental impacts include:**
- how the sourcing and use of materials effects the environment and how its continued use will affect the area the material was sourced from
 - energy consumption in processing the material
 - greenhouse gases created
 - waste levels and resource utilisation
 - what impact will be felt by reducing or stopping use of the material
 - when applied to window fittings, environmental impact may include:
 - the amount of natural light made available from decorative solution in order to reduce requirements for powered light sources
- Soft furnishings include:**
- window treatments and curtains
 - blinds
 - awnings
 - trimmings
 - bedding treatments
 - lampshades
 - carpets
 - rugs
 - cushions
 - upholstery

Information and procedures include:

- accessories
- work instructions, including plans, drawings and designs
- workplace procedures relating to reporting and communication
- manufacturer specifications and operational procedures

Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is equivalent to LMFID5011A Specify soft furnishings for complete interior solution.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -
<https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=0601ab95-583a-4e93-b2d4-cfb27b03ed73>