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Assessment Requirements for MSMPER205 Enter confined space

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Modification History

Release 2. Adjustment to Assessment Requirements to meet industry requirements. Equivalent outcomes.

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MSAPMPER205C Enter confined space

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and demonstrate the ability to:

- identify hazards and apply relevant hazard controls
- undertake all checks and preparation in accordance with permit conditions and site procedures
- check that hazard controls are in place and operational
- confirm the permit conditions reflect risk assessment and confined space is ready for entry
- enter the confined space and carry out actions specified in the permit/standard procedures, including all safety procedures
- monitor the conditions of work under the permit
- interpret and respond to gas test/monitoring results
- initiate incident/emergency response plan
- select, use and maintain equipment, including:
 - instruments and monitors
 - personal protective equipment (PPE)
- use communication equipment and processes applicable to confined space work
- communicate effectively with team/work group and other personnel in the language of the workplace
- complete required workplace forms.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence must be provided that demonstrates knowledge of:

- organisation procedures, including:
 - work permit systems
 - safety, emergency and hazard controls
 - incident response
- hazards that may arise in relation to the confined space, including:
 - their possible causes
 - potential consequences
 - appropriate risk controls

- communication protocols relevant to confined space requirements
- tests relevant to confined space entry and the interpretation of test results, including at least one (1) of:
 - atmospheric/oxygen/breathability
 - flammability/explosivity
 - toxicity
 - temperature
 - humidity.

Assessment Conditions

- Competency must be achieved before performing this work unsupervised. Therefore this unit will typically be assessed off the job. Where assessment is undertaken on the job appropriate supervision and safety precautions must be provided.
- It is appropriate to train and assess the prerequisite unit *MSMPER200 Work in accordance with an issued permit* concurrently. It may also be appropriate to cluster other related units and deliver and assess concurrently.
- The unit should be assessed holistically and the judgement of competence shall be based on a holistic assessment of the evidence.
- The collection of performance evidence will require a ‘practical assessment’ which:
 - requires entry, compliant with Section 3.4.29 of *AS 2865-2009 Confined spaces*, on more than one occasion into confined spaces which are reasonable facsimiles of an industrial confined space
 - requires the conduct of a simple task (‘work’), while within each confined space
 - requires the entry to be under a confined space entry permit, the permitting system and the permit itself to be reasonable facsimiles of industrial permits and systems
 - requires the person to undertake all checks and complete all documentation that is required for the confined space entry.
- The confined space used should be a reasonable facsimile of an industrial confined space. The use of breathing apparatus and black out goggles is not required for this unit.
- Assessment must sufficiently reflect realistic operational workplace conditions that cover all aspects of workplace performance, including environment, task skills, task management skills, contingency management skills and job role environment skills.
- Knowledge evidence may be collected concurrently with performance evidence (provided a record is kept) or through an independent process, such as workbooks, written assessments or interviews (provided a record is kept).
- Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.
- Conditions for assessment must include access to all tools, equipment, materials and documentation required, including relevant workplace procedures, product and manufacturing specifications associated with this unit.
- The regulatory framework will be reflected in workplace policies and procedures and is not required to be independently assessed.

- Foundation skills are integral to competent performance of the unit and should not be assessed separately.
- As a minimum, assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015 assessor requirements.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=d1287d36-dff4-4e9f-ad2c-9d6270054027>