



Australian Government

MSMTMVER401 Verify weighing instruments

Release: 1

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MSATMVER401A Verify a limited weighing instrument

Application

This unit of competency covers the ability to apply National Instrument Test Procedures to determine whether a non-automatic weighing instrument or catchweigher is suitable for trade and then verify it accordingly.

This unit of competency is applicable to verifiers operating under a licence to test and mark specific classes of weighing instruments. Weighing instruments are used in a very wide range of commerce. For example, weighing instruments are used to measure a wide range of products at the point of sale, as an order or as a pre-packaged article. There is a large range of environments where these instruments are used, including pharmaceutical laboratories, supermarkets, fresh food retailers, packing houses, the chemical/petroleum industry, construction, mining and other extractive industry sectors.

Depending on the site, verifiers may be required to meet additional local safety requirements, such as basic first aid, confined space entry, working with heavy machinery, working at heights and completing site safety induction. Verifiers may take up to one day perform to verifications in routine environments.

Under the requirements of Regulation 2.43 of the Trade Measurement Regulations 2009, a servicing licensee or an employee must not verify a measuring instrument relevant to this unit unless they hold a statement of attainment for this unit of competency.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Trade measurement

Unit Sector

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 | Prepare for verification | 1.1 | Identify and evaluate the type of instrument to be verified |
| | | 1.2 | Access and correctly interpret documentation required for the verification |
| | | 1.3 | Identify and access test equipment, products and consumables required for the verification |
| | | 1.4 | Liaise with the trader to provide the items required on site |
| | | 1.5 | Ensure specified test equipment is fit for purpose in accordance with applicable legislation and organisational procedures |
| | | 1.6 | Store and transport test equipment in accordance with organisational procedures and industry best practice |
| | | 1.7 | Identify relevant local workplace health and safety issues and implement appropriate control strategies |
| 2 | Evaluate weighing instrument performance | 2.1 | Evaluate whether the operating environment will impact on the instrument performance |
| | | 2.2 | Modify the operating environment or implement alternative arrangements to ensure reliable test conditions as necessary |
| | | 2.3 | Identify the maximum permissible errors for the instrument from the legislative requirements |
| | | 2.4 | Use test equipment safely in accordance with applicable legislation and organisational procedures |
| | | 2.5 | Check instrument for compliance with the appropriate Certificates of Approval |
| | | 2.6 | Inspect the instrument in accordance with relevant |

- National Instrument Test Procedures and appropriate National Measurement Institute (NMI) policy
- 2.7 Evaluate results against prescribed performance criteria and determine if the instrument is suitable for trade use in accordance with legislative requirements
- 3 Report verification results
- 3.1 Display the verification result on the instrument in accordance with legislative requirements
- 3.2 Use test reports to present verification results in the required format
- 3.3 Complete verification documentation in accordance with legislative requirements and organisational procedures
- 3.4 Communicate results within the specified time and in accordance with organisational guidelines
- 4 Model and encourage compliance with statutory requirements
- 4.1 Apply organisation's quality procedures and practices to meet servicing licensee's legislative obligations
- 4.2 Clarify any issues about verifier obligations with their servicing licensee and/or licensing administering authority as they arise
- 4.3 Review work and seek feedback from others to confirm continuing compliance with legislative requirements
- 4.4 Identify implications of non-compliance with legislative requirements
- 4.5 Identify inadequacies in trader's use of instruments which may contribute to non-compliance with national measurement legislation
- 4.6 Explain inadequacies and possible remedial actions to trader
- 4.7 Respect the rights of the trader at all times
- 5 Maintain statutory records
- 5.1 Keep accurate and complete records in accordance with servicing licensee's legislative requirements
- 5.2 Ensure authorisation, training and relevant licences are current in accordance with organisational and servicing

licensee's legislative requirements

- 5.3 Inform the licensing administering authority of changes to personal information as required by statute

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.

National Instrument Test Procedures include one or more of:

- measurement instrument test procedures
- any other test procedure prescribed by the NMI

Classes of weighing instruments include one or more of:

- non-automatic weighing instruments tested without substitution loads
- automatic Class Y(a) Catchweighers
- automatic Class Y(b) Catchweighers
- other weighing instrument prescribed by the NMI

Test equipment includes:

- reference standards of measurement

Certificates of Approval include:

- any Certificate issued by the Chief Metrologist under Regulation 60 of the National Measurement Regulations approving the pattern of a weighing instrument as being suitable for trade

Prescribed performance criteria for weighing instruments include:

- that the instrument is of an approved pattern
- that the instrument operates within the appropriate limits of error permitted by legislation
- that the instrument is used in accordance with any legislative requirements

Verification Has the same meaning as Section 18GG of the National Measurement Act 1960

Verification marks Verification marks for different instruments are defined in Sections 2.28 and 2.29 of the National Trade Measurement Regulations

Trading practices include one or more of:

- methods used for the sale of goods
- using measuring instruments
- position of measuring instruments
- environmental factors

- suitability of instrument
 - incorrect measurement
- Enforcement actions include one or more of:**
- formal warnings, infringement notices, undertakings, injunction and prosecutions
- Legislation includes:**
- national measurement legislation
 - applicable Commonwealth, state and territory work/occupational health and safety (WHS/OHS) legislation
- NMI policy includes:**
- test procedure variations between a verification, in-service or audit inspection
 - bulletins
 - instructions
 - determinations
- WHS/OHS and environmental management requirements include:**
- complying with WHS/OHS and environmental management requirements at all times, which may be imposed through state/territory or federal legislation. These requirements must not be compromised at any time
 - applying standard precautions relating to the potentially hazardous nature of samples
 - accessing and applying current industry understanding of infection control issued by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and State and Territory Departments of Health, where relevant

Unit Mapping Information

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http://companion_volumes.vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingPackage.aspx?pid=29