



Australian Government

Assessment Requirements for MSMWHS218 Control the risks of falls

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Modification History

Release 1. New unit

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 on at least one (1) occasion:

- identify and check fall prevention devices and work positioning systems
- select, check, put on and use fall-arrest equipment
- undertake work which is at height while wearing fall-arrest equipment
- obtain required authorisation for the work
- complete any required documentation.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence must be provided that demonstrates knowledge of:

- relevant procedures, hazard controls and work control/authorising systems
- methods of putting on and adjusting fall-arrest equipment
- symptoms of wear and other problems in fall-arrest equipment
- types and functions of fall prevention devices and work positioning systems.

Assessment Conditions

- The unit should be assessed holistically and the judgement of competence based on a holistic assessment of the evidence.
- The collection of performance evidence:
 - must include the use of fall-arrest equipment in a work area where a fall by a person from one level to another is reasonably likely to cause injury to the person or any other person
 - must include the conduct of a simple task (work), while within the work area
 - requires the work to be done under an appropriate authorisation which is a reasonable facsimile of industrial authorisations
 - requires the person to undertake all checks and complete all documentation that is required for working in a situation where a fall is reasonably likely.
- The work area used should be a reasonable facsimile of an industrial work area where there is a reasonable risk of a fall.

- 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.
- The industry regards reassessment on a two year cycle as good practice.
- Persons seeking retraining/verification of competency and who have adequate evidence of having worked in a situation where a fall is reasonably likely and of applying current good practice in the last twelve months may be granted recognition of prior learning (RPL) for the practical assessment component.
- As a minimum, assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015 assessor requirements.
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