



Australian Government

**Assessment Requirements for MSS027002
Apply environmental legislation, codes and
standards**

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MSS027002A Apply environmental legislation, codes and standards

Performance Evidence

Evidence of competence in this unit must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria, and include demonstration of:

- reviewing the environmental compliance of work activities, policies, plans and/or procedures associated with a work area, site, project or program on at least two (2) occasions and reporting the findings
- researching and interpreting environmental legislative requirements, codes and standards for a site, project and/or program activities
- explaining environmental management roles, responsibilities, obligations and compliance requirements to site personnel
- analysing and reviewing workplace environmental management plans, policies, procedures and work instructions for legislative compliance
- analysing and verifying site or project environmental data and compliance information
- writing clear and concise site or project-specific environmental management procedures or work instructions
- promoting environmental compliance in a work area or site by explaining and distributing information, coaching and/or mentoring
- identifying opportunities for improving environmental compliance in a work area, site, project or program
- keeping up-to-date with changes in environmental compliance requirements relevant to job role
- seeking advice when issues/problems are beyond scope of competence/responsibility
- providing accurate, complete and timely reports
- maintaining environmental compliance records.

Knowledge Evidence

- Must provide evidence that demonstrates knowledge of:
- common legal terminology, such as statute, acts, regulations and ordinances
- common sources of environmental legal information
- relevant responsible bodies at federal and state/territory levels
- major features of federal and state/territory environmental legislation, regulations and local government by-laws, policies and plans that apply to the work area, site, project or program
- organisation's environmental management plans, policies, procedures and work instructions that apply to the work area, site, project or program
- workplace procedures for the development, revision and improvement of environmental management policies, plans, procedures and work instructions

workplace environmental reporting requirements for the work area, site, project or program and reporting procedures.

Assessment Conditions

- Judgement of competence must be based on holistic assessment of the evidence. Assessment methods must confirm consistency of performance over time, rather than a single assessment event.
- This unit of competency is to be assessed in the workplace, or a simulated workplace environment. A simulated workplace environment must reflect realistic operational workplace conditions that cover all aspects of workplace performance, including the environment, task skills, task management skills, contingency management skills and job role environment skills.
- Foundation skills are integral to competent performance of the unit and should not be assessed separately.
- 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.
- Knowledge evidence may be collected concurrently with performance evidence or through an independent process such as workbooks, written assessments or interviews (provided a record is kept in each case).
- Holistic assessment methods include:
 - review of two reports and examples of environmental compliance records generated by the candidate
 - review of information, such as site or project-specific environmental management procedures and/or work instructions developed by the candidate and provided to site personnel
 - review of candidate's analysis of compliance issues contained in environmental management case studies or reports
 - feedback from manager(s) that the candidate is able to reliably apply and explain current environmental compliance requirements for a work area, site, project or program relevant to their job role
 - oral and/or written questions to assess the candidate's knowledge of legal and environmental management terms and principles, environmental compliance requirements and relevant workplace procedures.
- Access is required to all instruments, equipment, materials, workplace documentation, procedures and specifications associated with this unit including, but not limited to:
 - a standard work space equipped with basic computer equipment and access to organisation's information management system; maps, digital camera; and monitoring and sampling equipment
 - documentation, such as site/project history, relevant workplace environmental management policies, plans, actions, procedures and checklists.
- Assessors must satisfy the assessor competency requirements that are in place at the time of the assessment as set by the VET regulator.
- The assessor must demonstrate both technical competency and currency.
- Technical competence can be demonstrated through:
 - relevant VET or other qualification/Statement of Attainment AND/OR
 - relevant workplace experience
- Currency can be demonstrated through:
 - performing the competency being assessed as part of current employment OR

- having consulted with an organisation providing environmental monitoring, management or technology related services about performing the competency being assessed within the last twelve months.

Links

MSA Training Package Implementation Guides - <http://mskills.org.au/training-packages/info/>