



Australian Government

SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming

Release 4

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Modification History

Release	Comments
release 4	Release 4. Supersedes and is equivalent to SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming release 3. Minor change to update First Aid units of competency.
Release 3	Release 3. SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming supersedes and is equivalent to Release 2. SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming. Modifications include removal of unused units of competency in response to Skills Reform Ministerial Statement – 9 October 2020. Elective units removed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIFXADQ002 Conduct internal quality audits • SIFXADQ003 Monitor contracted services and supplies • SIFXMPR005 Develop marketing strategies and activities
Release 2	Release 2. SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming supersedes and is equivalent to Release 1. SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming. Imported units from the following training packages updated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLT Health
Release 1	Release 1. SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming supersedes and is equivalent to SIF40208 Certificate IV in Embalming Revised qualification. Reflects the Standards for Training Packages

Qualification Description

This qualification reflects the role of individuals who perform a range of specialised embalming procedures in a mortuary or funeral home mortuary.

Individuals in this role work relatively autonomously and may have limited responsibility for the coordination, training and supervision of others.

Embalmers require theoretical knowledge in anatomy, physiology, chemistry and biology as well as specialist technical skills to sanitise, present and preserve a deceased person of predictable and unpredictable causes as part of the embalming process.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication, however, the following requirement applies to the embalming of bodies in NSW:

Under a NSW public health regulation relating to the disposal of bodies, a person must not embalm a body unless that person has a certificate of proficiency of, or equivalent to, a Certificate IV [Embalming] standard issued by an institute approved by the Director-General of the NSW Department of Health. Candidates in NSW should seek advice from the NSW Department of Health for a current list of approved providers.

The volume of learning of a Certificate IV is typically 0.5 – 2 years.

Packaging Rules

22 units must be completed:

- 19 core units
- 3 elective units consisting of:
 - a minimum of 2 elective units must be selected from the elective units listed below
 - a maximum of 1 elective unit, first packaged at AQF level 3, 4 or 5, may be selected from elsewhere in SIF Funeral Services Training Package, or any other current Training Package or accredited course. Refer to the AQF packaging of Funeral Services units in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

In all cases, selection of electives must be guided by the job outcome, local industry requirements and the characteristics of this qualification (as per the AQF descriptors).

Core units

SIFEMWK001 Encoffin deceased persons

SIFEMWK005 Cleanse and disinfect deceased persons

SIFEMWK006 Set facial features

SIFEMWK007 Treat abdominal and thoracic cavities

SIFEMWK008 Dress the deceased and apply cosmetics

SIFEMWK009 Apply anatomy and physiology principles to embalming

SIFEMWK010 Restore minor body damage

SIFEMWK011 Treat the head and body after autopsies

SIFEMWK012 Restore and set eyes after eye donations

SIFEMWK013 Determine embalming requirements

SIFEMWK014 Perform arterial embalming of natural cases

SIFEMWK015 Perform arterial embalming of autopsied cases

- SIFEMWK016 Treat complex ante mortem cases
- SIFEMWK017 Treat complex post mortem cases
- SIFEMWK018 Supervise mortuary operations
- SIFEWHS001 Follow mortuary work health and safety procedures
- SIFXIND002 Work effectively in the funeral services industry
- SIFXIND003 Deal with grief responses
- SIFXWHS004 Implement and monitor infection and contamination control practices

Elective units

Administration and Quality

- SIFXADQ001 Control and order goods

Industry

- SIFXIND004 Participate in industry networks

Management and Leadership

- SIFXMGT001 Coordinate teams
- SIFXMGT003 Supervise staff

Marketing and Public Relations

- SIFXMPR002 Make presentations to community groups
- SIFXMPR003 Prepare and conduct tours

Mortuary Work and Embalming

- SIFEMWK004 Coordinate mortuary operations
- SIFEMWK019 Design a mortuary

Training and Education

- TAEDEL301A Provide work skill instruction

Work Health and Safety

- HLTAID011 Provide first aid
- SIFEWHS002 Review and develop mortuary work health and safety policies and procedures

Qualification Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c2c3131e-4418-4aa3-8ff1-a855c95f7fd6>