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**Assessment Requirements for
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health and safety procedures**

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Modification History

The details of this endorsed unit are in the table below. The latest information is at the top.

Release	Comments
Two	Grammatical errors corrected in Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions.
One	Reflects the Standards for Training Packages.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- follow predetermined health, safety and infection control procedures
- handle hazardous substances for a given mortuary operation and in line with regulatory requirements.

Evidence of performance of incorporating mortuary work health and safety procedures in workplace activities on five or more occasions is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations relating to work health and safety/occupational health and safety and infection control for a mortuary environment
- purpose of the legal requirement to work according to health, safety and security procedures and infection control in a mortuary environment, and the implications for not following those procedures
- employer's and employee's responsibilities under work health and safety/occupational health and safety legislation
- workplace policies and procedures in relation to work health and safety/occupational health and safety and infection control for a mortuary environment
- mortuary workplace hazards, including:
 - manual handling
 - toxic substances

- industrial gases
- body fluids and human tissue
- infections
- fire
- infectious waste
- sharps
- chemical spills
- dust and vapours
- noise, light and energy sources
- electrical equipment
- vehicles
- personal lifestyle
- workplace stress
- people
- reporting hazards procedures and responsible personnel
- use and purpose of emergency equipment
- manual handling procedures
- personal hygiene practices, including:
 - maintenance of cleanliness of work clothes
 - hand washing
 - food hygiene practices
 - use of personal protective equipment
- standard precautions, including:
 - use of personal protective equipment
 - presumption that all blood and body fluids are infectious
 - covering exposed cuts and abrasions, particularly on workers' hands, with waterproof coverings prior to commencing work
 - immediate treatment of puncture wounds or abrasions
 - use of protective clothing when cleaning spillage of body fluids
- infectious and contaminated waste in a mortuary, including:
 - body parts
 - human tissue
 - human blood and body fluid
 - materials and equipment containing human blood and body fluid
 - contaminated garments
 - soiled dressings, sharps, swabs, catheters and bandages
- properties of hazardous substances
- environmentally sound disposal methods for all types of waste and in particular for hazardous substances disposal techniques in a mortuary
- equipment and materials used to carry out housekeeping.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that is as industry realistic as possible. In a simulated environment, it is essential that assessment is conducted:

- using suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - a mortuary facility where deceased bodies and hazardous wastes are handled
 - housekeeping equipment, cleaning and disinfecting products and materials, infectious waste disposal equipment and personal protective equipment
 - workplace policies and procedures and template documents used for the management of work health and safety/occupational health and safety practices
- under industry operating conditions where there is:
 - integration of tasks with possible interruptions to work typical of the job role
 - interaction with team members

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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