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UEPOPS409B Start up a boiler unit

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

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1) Scope:

1.1) Descriptor

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to establish combustion in a boiler through to a stage at which combustion support energy is no longer necessary.

Application of the Unit

Application of the Unit 2)

This unit is intended to augment formally acquired competencies. It is suitable for employment-based programs under an approved contract of training.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

License to practice 3)

The skills and knowledge described in this unit may require a licence to practise in the workplace in some States or Territories. There may also be additional assessment activities required by regulatory authorities for the issue of the licence to practise.

However, practice in this unit is subject to regulations directly related to Occupational Health and Safety and where applicable contracts of training such as apprenticeships and the like.

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite Unit(s) 4)

Competencies 4.1)

Granting of competency in this unit shall be made only after competency in the following unit(s) has/have been confirmed.

Where pre-requisite pathways have been identified. All competencies in the Common Unit Group must be have been completed.

There are no pre-requisite units.

Literacy and numeracy skills 4.2)

Participants are best equipped to achieve this unit if they have reading, writing and numeracy skills indicated by the following levels. A description of what each level entails is provided in Section 2.3.1 Language, Literacy and Numeracy.

Reading 4 Writing 4 Numeracy 4

Employability Skills Information

Employability Skills 5)

The required outcomes described in this unit of competency contain applicable facets of Employability Skills. The Employability Skills Summary of the qualification in which this unit of competency is packaged will assist in identifying Employability Skill requirements.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

6) Elements describe the essential outcomes of a competency standard unit

Performance Criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the Evidence Guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1 Plan and prepare work	1.1 Safety issues are identified to comply with enterprise/site requirements
	1.2 Work requirements are identified from relevant personnel and documentation
	1.3 Pre operational checks are carried out on plant according to manufacturer's recommendations and site requirements
	1.4 Where appropriate, the teams and individuals roles and responsibilities within the team are identified and, where required, assist in the provision of the on-the-job training
2 Start up boiler unit	2.1 Boiler auxiliary systems are started up and/or made available to support boiler start up in accordance with manufacturer's and enterprise/site procedures
	2.1 Pre-light conditions are established in accordance with enterprise standards and site requirements
	2.2 Combustion is established and supported in accordance with enterprise, manufacturer's and site requirements. Combustion support fuel consumption is kept at minimum levels
	2.3 Fuel and air and feed water flows are adjusted to achieve required steam conditions and demand , observing operating requirements
	2.4 Plant is operated within limits of plant design, enterprise or site requirements
	2.5 Plant is monitored and observed to detect deviations from required operating conditions
2.6 Corrective actions are taken to rectify abnormalities in accordance with manufacturer's and enterprise/site procedures	

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
3 Test plant operation	3.1 Tests are performed in accordance with defined procedures applicable to the operational test
	3.2 System and plant is observed for correct operational response
	3.3 Corrective action is taken when response is not in accordance with documentation, plant integrity or personnel safety requirements
	3.4 Plant is returned to required operational status upon completion of test
4 Analyse system faults	4.1 Causes of abnormal plant operating conditions are identified by analysing the technical and operational information in a logical and sequential manner
	4.2 Corrective action taken is in accordance with enterprise/site procedures
	4.3 Plant integrity and personnel safety is maintained through consultation with appropriate personnel, and reference to plant, technical and operational documentation
	4.4 Appropriate personnel are notified when defects are detected
5 Complete documentation	5.1 Documentation is updated and plant problems, movements, abnormalities and status are reported and logged in accordance with enterprise/site procedures

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

8) This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Evidence shall show that knowledge has been acquired starting up a boiler unit.

All knowledge and skills detailed in this unit should be contextualised to current industry practices and technologies.

The extent of the Essential Knowledge and Associated Skills required follows:

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T1 Evidence shall show that knowledge has been acquired for safe working practices of:

- Relevant environmental, occupational health and safety legislation and regulations
- Enterprise procedures
- Plant drawings and manufacturers manuals
- Introduction to and typical arrangements of power production plant
- Relevant plant and equipment, its location and operating parameters
- Electric motor types and characteristics
- Pump and compressor types and characteristics
- Valve, damper and actuator types and characteristics
- Switchgear types and characteristics
- Electrical protection types and characteristics
- Electrical principles
- Process control principles
- Boiler process control systems
- Fan types and characteristics
- Transformers types and characteristics
- Relevant state and territory regulations
- Plant status
- Enterprise recording procedures
- Control and data acquisition systems
- Supervisory, alarm, protection and control equipment
- The system components and their interaction with other plant and equipment external to that covered by this competency
- Temperature and pressure raising techniques and principles
- Principles of air heater operation
- Principles of relevant fuel combustion
- Electricity distribution system, a.c. and d.c.
- Station water distribution systems
- Fire protection control systems
- Principles of boiler and feedwater chemical treatment
- Boiler temperature and pressure requirements

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Thermodynamics
- Properties of matter
- Coal handling plant
- Bunkering
- Steam power plant boiler water and steam systems
- Boiler draught system, types and characteristics
- Fuel types and properties
- Principles governing efficient combustion
- Fuel conditioning and fuel firing equipment
- Control of a boiler start up
- Boiler efficiency
- Auxiliary supply systems
- Safe operating principles

T2 Specific skills needed to achieve the Performance Criteria:

- Apply relevant environmental, occupational health and safety legislation and regulations
- Apply enterprise procedures
- Interpret plant drawings and manufacturers manuals
- Apply relevant state and territory regulations
- Apply enterprise recording procedures
- Identify plant status
- Prepare plant/equipment for operation
- Organise resources
- Operate boiler plant and equipment
- Apply temperature and pressure raising techniques and principles
- Apply diagnostic and testing techniques
- Identify and respond to abnormal plant operating conditions
- Plan and prioritise work
- Use relevant hand tools
- Communicate effectively
- Apply data analysis techniques and tools

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

9) This provides essential advice for assessment of the competency standard unit and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria and the Range Statement of the unit and the Training Package Assessment Guidelines. The Evidence Guide forms an integral part of this competency standard unit and shall be used in conjunction with all components parts of this unit and, performed in accordance with the Assessment Guidelines of this Training Package.

Overview of Assessment 9.1)

Longitudinal competency development approaches to assessment, such as Profiling, require data to be reliably gathered in a form that can be consistently interpreted over time. This approach is best utilised in Apprenticeship programs and reduces assessment intervention. It is the Industry preferred model for apprenticeships. However, where summative (or final) assessment is used it is to include the application of the competency in the normal work environment or, at a minimum, the application of the competency in a realistically simulated work environment. It is recognised that, in some circumstances, assessment in part or full can occur outside the workplace. However, it must be in accord with Industry and regulatory policy.

Methods chosen for a particular assessment will be influenced by various factors. These include the extent of the assessment, the most effective locations for the assessment activities to take place, access to physical resources, additional safety measures that may be required and the critical nature of the competencies being assessed.

The critical safety nature of working with electricity, electrical equipment, gas or any other hazardous substance/material carries risk in deeming a person competent. Hence, sources of evidence need to be 'rich' in nature so as to minimise error in judgment. Activities associated with normal every day work have a bearing on the decision as to how much and how detailed the data gathered will contribute to its 'richness'. Some skills are more critical to safety and operational requirements while the same skills may be more or less frequently practised. These points are raised for the assessors to consider when choosing an assessment method and developing assessment instruments. Sample assessment instruments are included in the Assessment Guidelines of this Training Package.

Critical aspects of evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit 9.2)

Before the critical aspects of evidence are considered all pre-requisites shall be met.

Evidence for competence in this unit shall be considered holistically. Each element and associated Performance Criteria shall be demonstrated on at least two occasions in accordance with the “Assessment Guidelines – UEP12”. Evidence shall also comprise:

- A representative body of work performance demonstrated within the timeframes typically expected of the discipline, work function and industrial environment. In particular this shall incorporate evidence that shows a candidate is able to:
 - Implement Occupational Health and Safety workplace procedures and practices including the use of risk control measures as specified in the Performance Criteria and Range Statement
 - Apply sustainable energy principles and practices as specified in the Performance Criteria and Range Statement
 - Demonstrate an understanding of the essential knowledge and associated skills as described in 6) Essential Knowledge and Associated Skills of this unit
 - Demonstrate an appropriate level of employability skills
 - Conduct work observing the relevant Anti-Discrimination legislation, regulations, policies and workplace procedure
- Demonstrated performance across a representative range of contexts from the prescribed items below:
 - The knowledge and application of relevant sections of: Occupational Health and Safety legislation; Statutory legislation; Enterprise/site safety procedures; Enterprise/site emergency procedures
 - The preparation and planning of work
 - The operation of boiler plant and equipment
 - Operationally testing plant
 - Analysing plant faults
 - The system components and interaction with other plant and equipment
 - The temperature and pressure raising requirements

- The ability to prepare plant/equipment for operation
- The principles of relevant fuel combustion
- The principles of boiler and feedwater chemical treatment
- Dealing with an unplanned event by drawing on essential knowledge and skills to provide appropriate solutions incorporated in the holistic assessment with the above listed items.

Context of and specific resources for assessment 9.3)

This unit should be assessed as it relates to normal work practice using procedures, information and resources typical of a workplace. This should include:

- OHS policy and work procedures and instructions.
- Suitable work environment, facilities, equipment and materials to undertake actual work as prescribed by this unit.

Competency Standards should be assessed in the workplace or simulated workplace and under the normal range of workplace conditions.

Assessment of this unit will be supported with documentary evidence, by means of endorsement stating type and application of work.

In addition to the resources listed above in Context of assessment', evidence should show competency working in limited spaces with different types of plant and equipment as well as different structural/construction types and methods and in a variety of environments.

Method of assessment 9.4)

This unit shall be assessed by methods given in Section 1.3.00 Assessment Guidelines.

Note:

Competent performance with inherent safe working practices is expected in the Industry to which this unit applies. This requires that the specified essential knowledge and associated skills are assessed in a structured environment which is primarily intended for learning/assessment and incorporates all necessary equipment and facilities for learners to develop and demonstrate the essential knowledge and skills described in this unit.

**Concurrent
assessment and
relationship with
other units** **9.5)**

There are no recommended concurrent assessments with this unit, however in some cases efficiencies may be gained in terms of learning and assessment effort being concurrently managed with allied competency standard units where listed.

Nil

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

10) This relates to the competency standard unit as a whole, providing the range of contexts and conditions to which the Performance Criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

Plant and equipment may include boiler and auxiliary plant; fuel and fuel delivery system plant; fuel management system; flame detection equipment; steam temperature control plant; boiler heating surfaces dust removal system; combustion waste extraction system; electric motor; electricity distribution system a.c. and d.c.; diesel engine driven auxiliary plant; station water distribution systems; hydraulic power oil system; compressed air systems; computers with equipment control functions; and supervisory, protection, alarm and control equipment.

Safety standards may include relevant sections of Occupational Health and Safety legislation, enterprise safety rules, relevant State and federal legislation, national standards for plant and Australian standards.

Information and documentation sources may include verbal or written communications; enterprise safety rules documentation; enterprise operating instructions; dedicated computer equipment; enterprise/site standing instructions and plant notes; enterprise log books; manufacturer's operation and maintenance manuals; and equipment and alarm manuals.

Technical and operational indicators may include stimuli (audio, smell, touch, visual), remote or local indicators and recorders, computers and alarms (visible and or audible).

Communications may be by means of telephone, two way radio, pager, computer (electronic mail) and operating logs (written or verbal).

Tests may include loss of major auxiliary controls response checks, stand-by plant "cut-in" tests, dampers/valves operating checks and pre and post start tests.

Appropriate personnel to consult, give or receive direction may include supervisor/team leader or equivalent; other coordinators of energy production or equivalent; technical and engineering officers or equivalent; maintenance staff; other operating staff; and contractor staff.

Operating environment may be remote from plant and equipment being operated; (operation is assisted by remote indicators of plant status and other parameters monitored); during inclement or otherwise harsh weather conditions, in wet/noisy/dusty/hot areas or during continuous operation.

Plant operations (systems requirements) may include cold/hot, start return to service; boiler chemical clean; and raising pressure for safety valve setting.

Faults and abnormal operating conditions may include loss of a major auxiliary; loss of electrical supply to switchboard(s), motors; boiler water chemical operating limits exceeded; automatic control loop(s) malfunctions; boiler heating surfaces dust removal system malfunctions; high temperatures on/in, boiler heating surfaces/tubes/headers, boiler exhaust (back end), steam to turbine, ex superheater or reheater, motor, fan, pump bearings and lubricating oil, motor windings; boiler tube leaks; air heater cold end temperatures low; air heater/combustion air ductwork fires; fuel preparation and delivery systems fires; fuel system malfunction; excessive drum water level split; excessively high heating/cooling rates; high/low furnace dp; high

RANGE STATEMENT

dp's on oil/air filters and strainers; failed field devices; failed/malfunctioning actuators/dampers/valves; boiler feedwater pumps malfunctions; and boiler protection operation.

Generic terms are used throughout this Training Package for vocational standard shall be regarded as part of the Range Statement in which competency is demonstrated. The definition of these and other terms are given in Section 2.1 Preliminary Information and Glossaries.

Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.

Competency Field

Competency Field **11)**
Operations