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FDFOP2033A Operate a depositing process

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the skills and knowledge required set up, operate, adjust and shut down a depositing process to deposit into tins, onto belts or directly onto product, where a further processing outcome is required.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit has application in a food processing production environment. It typically targets the production worker responsible for applying basic operating principles to the operation and monitoring of a depositing process and associated equipment. When operators are required to perform batch or product changeover procedures as part of this work process, the procedures should be used to customise the application of this unit. Where more detailed changeovers are carried out unit FDFOP2011A Conduct routine maintenance should be selected.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units		

Prerequisite units		

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills	This unit contains employability skills.
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Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge section and the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.
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Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1. Prepare the depositing equipment and process for operation	1.1. Materials are confirmed and available to meet operating requirements 1.2. Cleaning and maintenance requirements and status are identified and confirmed 1.3. Machine components and related attachments are fitted and adjusted to meet operating requirements 1.4. Processing/operating parameters are entered as required to meet safety and production requirements 1.5. Equipment performance is checked and adjusted as required 1.6. Pre-start checks are carried out as required by workplace requirements 1.7. Materials are transferred to depositing equipment
2. Operate and monitor the depositing process	2.1. The depositing process is started and operated according to workplace procedures 2.2. Equipment is monitored to identify variation in operating conditions 2.3. Variation in equipment operation is identified and maintenance requirements are reported according to workplace reporting requirements 2.4. The depositing process is monitored to confirm that specifications are met 2.5. Out-of-specification product/process outcomes are identified, rectified and/or reported to maintain the process within specification 2.6. The work area is maintained according to housekeeping standards 2.7. Work is conducted in accordance with workplace environmental guidelines 2.8. Workplace records are maintained according to workplace recording requirements
3. Shut down the depositing process	3.1. The appropriate shutdown procedure is identified 3.2. The process is shut down according to workplace procedures 3.3. Maintenance requirements are identified and reported according to workplace reporting requirements

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

Ability to:

- Access workplace information to identify depositing processing requirements
- Select, fit and use personal protective clothing and/or equipment
- Confirm supply of necessary materials and services as required for production. This may include confirming condition of materials including temperature, texture, appearance and holding times prior to use
- Conduct pre-start checks. This may involve inspecting equipment condition to identify any signs of wear; selecting appropriate settings and/or related parameters. This may include setting up depositor manifold and controls to meet production requirements and cancelling isolation or lockouts as required. Confirm that related equipment is clean; correctly configured for processing requirements; sensors and controls are correctly positioned; any scheduled maintenance has been carried out, and that all safety guards are in place and operational
- Start, operate, monitor and adjust depositing process equipment to achieve required outcomes. This may include monitoring control points and conducting inspections as required to confirm the process remains within specification. Monitoring may include:
 - maintaining supply of materials to hopper
 - controlling weights
 - checking dimensions and positioning of deposited material
 - visual inspections to identify faults such as unacceptable placement
 - checking pump stroke settings
 - checking line speed
- Monitor supply and flow of materials to and from the depositing process to confirm process remains within specification.
- Demonstrate product changeover procedures
- Take corrective action in response to out-of-specification results
- Respond to and/or report equipment failure within level of responsibility
- Locate emergency stop functions on equipment
- Follow isolation and lock out/tag out procedures as required to take depositing process and related equipment off-line in preparation for cleaning and/or maintenance within level of responsibility
- Complete workplace records as required
- Maintain work area to meet housekeeping standards
- Use process control systems according to enterprise procedures
- Collect samples and conduct tests according to enterprise procedures

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- Conduct routine maintenance according to enterprise procedures
- Clean and sanitize equipment according to enterprise procedures
- Use oral communication skills / language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation including questioning, active listening, asking for clarification and seeking advice from supervisor
- Work cooperatively within a culturally diverse workforce

Required knowledge

Knowledge of:

- Purpose and basic principles of the depositing process. This may include product preparation and conditioning requirements and product depositing
- Basic operating principles of equipment. This may include an operational understanding of main equipment components, status and purpose of guards, equipment operating capacities and applications, and the purpose and location of sensors and related feedback instrumentation. It also includes knowledge of services required and action to take if services are not available
- The flow of the depositing process and the effect of outputs on downstream processes
- Quality requirements of materials for depositing and effect of variation on depositing process performance and outputs
- Quality characteristics required of process outputs
- Operating requirements and parameters and corrective action required where operation is outside specified operating parameters
- Scope to adjust for weight variation within workplace quality parameters
- Typical equipment faults and related causes. This includes recognition of signs and symptoms of faulty equipment and early warning signs of potential problems
- Methods used to monitor the depositing process. This may include inspecting, measuring and testing as required by the process. It requires awareness of inspection or test points (control points) in the process and the related procedures and recording requirements
- Contamination/food safety risks associated with the depositing process and related control measures
- Common causes of variation and corrective action required
- OHS hazards and controls
- Requirements of different shutdowns as appropriate to the depositing process and workplace production requirements. This includes emergency and routine shutdowns and procedures to follow in the event of a power outage
- Isolation, lock out and tag out procedures and responsibilities
- Product/process changeover procedures and responsibilities
- Procedures and responsibility for reporting production and performance information
- Environmental issues and controls relevant to the depositing process. This includes

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- waste/rework collection and handling procedures related to the process
- Basic operating principles of process control where relevant. This includes the relationship between control panels and systems and the physical equipment
- Sampling and testing associated with process monitoring and control where relevant
- Routine maintenance procedures where relevant
- Cleaning and sanitizing procedures where relevant

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

The Evidence Guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Overview of assessment

Assessment must be carried out in a manner that recognises the cultural and literacy requirements of the assessee and is appropriate to the work performed. Competency in this unit must be achieved in accordance with food safety standards and regulations.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Evidence of ability to:

- conduct pre-start checks on machinery used for depositing
- start, operate, monitor and adjust process equipment to achieve required quality outcomes
- take corrective action in response to typical faults and inconsistencies
- complete workplace records as required
- apply safe work practices and identify OH&S hazards and controls
- safely shut down equipment
- apply food safety procedures

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment must occur in a real or simulated workplace where the assessee has access to:

- personal protective clothing and equipment
- work procedures including advice on safe work practices, food safety, quality and environmental requirements
- information on equipment capacity and operating parameters
- recipe/batch instructions
- specifications, control points and processing parameters
- depositing and related equipment
- ingredients/mix to be deposited
- sampling schedules and test procedures and equipment as required
- documentation and recording requirements and procedures
- cleaning procedures, materials and equipment as

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	required
Method of assessment	This unit should be assessed together with core units and other units of competence relevant to the function or work role. Examples could be: • FDFOP2030A Operate a process control interface • FDFOP2013A Apply sampling procedures • PMLTEST300B Perform basic tests • FDFOP2014A Participate in sensory analyses • FDFOP2011A Conduct routine maintenance • FDFOP2004A Clean and sanitise equipment
Guidance information for assessment	To ensure consistency in one's performance, competency should be demonstrated on more than one occasion over a period of time in order to cover a variety of circumstances, cases and responsibilities, and where possible, over a number of assessment activities.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording, if used in the performance criteria, is detailed below. Essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) may also be included.

Policies and procedures	Work is carried out according to company policies and procedures, regulatory and licensing requirements, legislative requirements, and industrial awards and agreements
Legislative requirements	Legislative requirements are typically reflected in procedures and specifications. Legislation relevant to this industry includes the Food Standards Code including labelling, weights and measures legislation; and legislation covering food safety, environmental management, occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity. When applied to the pharmaceutical industry, relevant GMP codes apply in place of the Australian Food Standards Code and reference to food safety is replaced by GMP
Workplace information	Workplace information may include Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), specifications, production schedules and instructions, manufacturers' advice, standard forms and reports
Typical equipment	Typical equipment includes depositing hopper, nozzles and manifolds, tins/pans, belts, and lubricant applicators. Related processes may include cooling, further processing, and cutting equipment
Materials deposited	Materials deposited may include batter, cream, jam and fillings as appropriate to product
Operation of equipment and processes	Operation of equipment and processes may require the use of process control panels and systems
Shutdown procedures	Shutdown procedures may include cleaning. In some cases cleaning may be carried out by a

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	dedicated cleaning crew
Services	Services may need to be confirmed. These depend on the nature of the process. Typical examples include power, steam, water, vacuum, and compressed and instrumentation air

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Operational
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Competency field

Competency field	
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		