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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version was released in <i>HLT Health Training Package release 2.0</i> and meets the requirements of the 2012 Standards for Training Packages. Significant changes to the elements and performance criteria. New evidence requirements for assessment, including volume and frequency requirements. Significant change to knowledge evidence.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to determine and respond to occupational noise risk, including the testing of individuals at risk and developing strategies for employers.

This unit applies to audiometrists working in an industrial context, who have a responsibility for promoting and managing good hearing health in the workplace.

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements define the essential outcomes

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

1. Assess noise hazard risks

1.1 Review features of the workplace that may impact on hearing loss

1.2 Assess the level of hearing conservation risk based on established indicators and parameters

1.3 Identify and access sources of specialist expertise required to measure for risk in the workplace as required

2. Develop strategies for noise

2.1 Identify strategies to mitigate hearing conservation

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injury management

risks

2.2 Document strategies with clear recommendations

2.3 Communicate identified strategies to employers

2.4 Provide accurate and current information and resources about noise hazard management to organisations

3. Conduct testing

3.1 Prepare for and conduct hearing tests in accordance with the requirements of AS/NZ 1269

3.2 Take steps to maximise test accuracy, validity and reliability

3.3 Determine that test results are reliable

3.4 Conduct re-test, conduct further tests and/or refer client if test results are unreliable

3.5 Record results in accordance with requirements of AS/NZ 1269

3.6 Review and interpret results in accordance with the requirements of AS/NZ 1269

3.7 Communicate outcome of tests clearly and simply to the client

3.8 Clean and store equipment in accordance with manufacturers' requirements and infection control procedures

4. Identify those at risk of noise induced hearing loss (NIHL)

4.1 Conduct monitoring audiometry in accordance with AS/NZ 1269

4.2 Assess results against previous reference audiometry

4.3 Advise client of any risk identified using language the client understands

4.4 Advise employer of risks identified for the client

4.5 Provide information on strategies that assist in mitigating risk for NIHL

4.6 Make referral to appropriate agency

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5. Monitor and review strategies
- 5.1 Evaluate success of workplace strategies based on results of testing
 - 5.2 Adjust strategies and recommendations based on evaluation
 - 5.3 Provide updated information to employers

Foundation Skills

The Foundation Skills describe those required skills (language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills) that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>