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# **HLTHSS009 Perform general cleaning tasks in a clinical setting**

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## Modification History

Not applicable.

## Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge to perform general cleaning duties to maintain a clinical area in a clean, tidy and fit for use condition.

This unit applies to a variety of workers in the community services and health industry. Tasks may be performed under limited supervision and under predetermined guidelines as part of a broader health or community services role or as part of a specialised cleaning role.

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

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

## Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

## Competency Field

Health Support Services

## Unit Sector

Health

## Elements and Performance Criteria

### ELEMENTS

*Elements describe the essential outcomes*

#### 1. Prepare for cleaning.

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1. Wear personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with workplace requirements.
- 1.2. Check and set up cleaning equipment in accordance with manufacturer guidelines and organisational procedures.
- 1.3. Select cleaning agents and prepare in accordance with manufacturer safety guidelines and organisational procedures.
- 1.4. Barricade work site and install signs to isolate area being

- cleaned.
2. Clean and maintain surfaces in clinical areas.
    - 2.1. Identify surface type and texture and select cleaning equipment, agent and methods.
    - 2.2. Clean surfaces and dry in accordance with organisational procedures.
  3. Ensure maintenance of cleaning standards.
    - 3.1. Maintain the cleanliness of wet areas.
    - 3.2. Clean unit or location to achieve a low bacteria condition as required by organisational procedures.
    - 3.3. Ensure surfaces and areas are regularly cleaned in accordance with the organisation's established cleaning schedules and routines.
    - 3.4. Follow all infection control procedures to minimise cross-contamination.
  4. Manage waste.
    - 4.1. Assess all waste for risks and handle in accordance with relevant organisational work health and safety (WHS) requirements.
    - 4.2. Remove waste to maintain a clean and tidy area and avoid build-up of unpleasant odours according to established procedures.
    - 4.3. Spot clean waste receptacles and replace soiled liners to minimise build-up of odour.
  5. Store equipment and cleaning agents safely.
    - 5.1. Clean and dry equipment before storage.
    - 5.2. Store cleaning agents in accordance with manufacturer instructions and organisational policy.

## Foundation Skills

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

## Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is equivalent to HLTHSS003 Perform general cleaning tasks in a clinical setting.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>

# Assessment Requirements for HLTHSS009 Perform general cleaning tasks in a clinical setting

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Not applicable.

## Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- follow organisational procedures in the workplace or simulation to select equipment and agents, to undertake cleaning of a clinical setting with the following hazards:
  - clinical waste
  - body fluid spill
  - sharps.

## Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrate knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- organisation procedures relating to cleaning, including:
  - schedules and routines
  - use of cleaning agents
  - surface type requirements
  - sharps handling
  - manual handling
  - infection control
  - gross tissue samples
  - personal protective equipment (PPE)
- surface types and textures and suitable cleaning equipment, agents and methods
- manufacturer guidelines for cleaning equipment and agents
- range and extent of cleaning responsibilities in relation to other aspects of the worker's role
- cleaning hazards, including:
  - clinical waste, body fluids and tissue
  - slippery surfaces
  - loose electrical fittings
  - broken glass
  - high bacteria growths
  - needle stick injuries

- sharp surfaces
- fumes from cleaning agents
- allergic reactions
- clients' cleaning chemical mixtures
- unlabelled cleaning chemical containers
- types of cleaning agents, including:
  - chemical mixed on the job or pre-mixed
  - neutral PH detergents
  - acidic cleaners
  - graffiti remover.

## Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment as specified in the performance evidence.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- use of suitable facilities, equipment and resources that reflect real working conditions and model industry operating conditions and contingencies
- personal protective equipment (PPE)
- cleaning schedules and routines
- clinical setting and items to be cleaned
- cleaning agents and equipment.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) requirements for assessors.

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