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Assessment Requirements for MEM234011 Design programmable logic controller applications

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MEM234011A Design programmable logic controller applications.

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include:

- interpreting features and functions of the application and parameters of the brief or contract
- determining sustainability, automation safety, work health and safety (WHS), regulatory and risk management requirements
- researching latest trends and techniques in application of programmable logic controllers (PLCs), PLC functions and programming options, and in reverse engineering
- investigating, measuring, modelling and calculating for options
- investigating faults in existing designs and produce solutions
- generating and evaluating solutions
- designing PLC system solution on at least two occasions
- implementing systems thinking, continuous improvement and constraint and contingency management
- prototyping and systematically programming and testing actuators and interfaces, input sensors and/or transducers, communications and network connections, human machine interfaces (HMIs) and graphical user interfaces (GUIs)
- selecting actuators, interfaces, microcontroller, sensors and/or transducers, signal conditioning, HMIs, communication and network software and connections, on at least two occasions
- ensuring automation safety using appropriate licensed technical and professional assistance
- communicating, negotiating and reviewing with stakeholders and client throughout the process to obtain agreement on proposal and sign-off on design
- documenting design with drawings, specifications and instructions.

Note: Where a volume and/or frequency is not specified, demonstration must be provided at least once.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate the required knowledge for this unit must be relevant to and satisfy the requirements of the elements and performance criteria and include knowledge of:

- contemporary engineering PLC application design methods
- automation fundamentals, including mechanical, electrical, electronic and information technologies, sensors and transducers, controllers, interfacing and signal conditioning, networking, software, data sharing and control functions
- features and capability of plant, equipment, controllers, software, network and communication systems
- WHS and regulatory requirements, codes of practice, standards, risk management and registration requirements
- processes for investigation, developing options, modelling and calculating, generating solutions, completing feasibility and evaluation studies, and preparing proposals
- use of techniques for:
 - continuous improvement
 - problem-solving and decision-making
 - root cause analysis (RCA) or failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA) or design review based on failure mode (DRBFM), and Pareto analysis
- communications and control systems standards, protocols and programming
- system logic as flow charts and state diagrams
- specifications for inputs/outputs (I/O).

Assessment Conditions

- Assessors must:
 - have vocational competency in designing programmable logic controller applications at least to the level being assessed with relevant industry knowledge and experience
 - satisfy the assessor requirements in the *Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015 or its replacement* and comply with the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011*, its replacement or equivalent legislation covering VET regulation in a non-referring state/territory as the case requires.
- Where possible assessment must occur in operational workplace situations. Where this is not possible or where personal safety or environmental damage are limiting factors, assessment must occur in a sufficiently rigorous simulated environment that reflects realistic operational workplace conditions that cover all aspects of workplace performance, including environment, task skills, task management skills, contingency management skills and job role environment skills.
- Conditions for assessment must include access to all tools, equipment, materials and documentation required including relevant workplace procedures, product and manufacturing specifications.
- Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.
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Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides are available on VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b7050d37-5fd0-4740-8f7d-3b7a49c10bb2>

