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Modification History

Not applicable.

Unit Descriptor

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This unit applies to operators who are involved in providing basic maintenance and the resolving of routine problems to procedures. It does not cover activities normally requiring traditional trade training.

Application of the Unit

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In a typical scenario a plant operator does minor maintenance activities on the plant and equipment being operated. For instance the pressure drop across a filter unit may be high, indicating the filter cartridge needs changing. The operator takes the filter unit out of operation, cleans the unit, uses the correct spanner to open the lid, installs a fresh cartridge, closes the unit using the spanner again, then cleans up the area and disposes of the spent cartridge. Typically this sort of maintenance will be done on the plant and will not require workshop type facilities.

The operator will:

- be aware of and contribute to a safe working environment
- identify and check equipment for faults
- perform basic maintenance to procedures
- complete logs and reports.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not applicable.

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisites

This unit has **no** prerequisites.

Employability Skills Information

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This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

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1. Identify maintenance requirements.	1.1 Identify equipment variations/irregularities using observed data and plant records. 1.2 Assess the urgency/priority of the situation. 1.3 Identify appropriate corrective action. 1.4 Identify correct tools and materials. 1.5 Assess the impact of the maintenance activity and communicate to appropriate personnel. 1.6 Identify hazards and risk controls. 1.7 Identify work permit requirements.
2. Prepare for maintenance activity.	2.1 Ensure equipment is turned off and isolated as required. 2.2 Clear the area of obstructions and hazardous materials. 2.3 Obtain appropriate tools, parts, materials and procedures. 2.4 Obtain the appropriate work permits and adhere to the requirements. 2.5 Communicate the impending maintenance activity to the appropriate personnel.
3. Perform maintenance activity.	3.1 Access all relevant information. 3.2 Undertake maintenance activity according to procedures. 3.3 Use tools and maintenance techniques correctly. 3.4 Restore equipment to normal working condition. 3.5 Leave the work area in a clean and safe condition. 3.6 Ensure permits are signed off as appropriate.
4. Test equipment.	4.1 Test equipment according to procedures. 4.2 Return equipment to service. 4.3 Ensure equipment meets normal operating requirements.
5. Record maintenance activity.	5.1 Complete maintenance logs/plant history records. 5.2 Report maintenance activity to relevant personnel. 5.3 Identify and report outstanding maintenance requirements to relevant personnel.

Required Skills and Knowledge

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level required for this unit. Knowledge and understanding of equipment operation and maintenance practices sufficient to recognise fault and no-fault conditions in standard and non-standard situations and then determine appropriate action which is consistent with operational guidelines is required. Knowledge of organisation procedures and relevant regulatory requirements along with the ability to implement them within appropriate time constraints and work standards. Application of the knowledge of managing risks using the hierarchy of controls applied to the process. Application of approved hazard control, safety procedures, use of PPE in relation to handling materials, equipment operation and clean up.

Knowledge as a basis for solving maintenance problems, including:

- principles of operation of the equipment to be maintained
- function and troubleshooting of major internal components and their problems
- appropriate testing procedures and use of equipment for a range of equipment faults
- typical causes of equipment failures and the service conditions which may increase maintenance
- types and nature of maintenance (preventative, predictive, corrective) uses, benefits and limitations
- urgency and timeliness factors in maintenance
- maintenance planning/scheduling/records systems
- identification of tools, materials and spare parts
- basic techniques for using and handling tools
- physical measurement, alignment and clearance principles.

Competence also includes the ability to:

- plan own work, including predicting consequences and identifying improvements
- identify factors which may affect product quality or production output and appropriate remedies
- identify when the operator is able to rectify faults and when assistance is required.

Language, literacy and numeracy requirements

This unit requires the ability to read and interpret typical equipment specifications schematics and diagrams.

Writing is required to the level of completing workplace forms and production reports.

Basic numeracy is required, to interpret plant data and maintenance schedules.

Evidence Guide

The Evidence Guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria, required skills and knowledge, the Range Statement and the Assessment Guidelines for this Training Package.

Overview of assessment

A holistic approach should be taken to the assessment.

Assessors must be satisfied that the person can consistently perform the unit as a whole, as defined by the Elements, Performance Criteria and skills and knowledge.

Where the completion of this unit requires working under a permit/clearance, then competency must also be established in *PMAPER200C Work in accordance with an issued permit*, or other appropriate unit.

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

It is essential that competence is demonstrated in the knowledge and skills defined in this unit. These may include the ability to:

- understand the procedures and know the importance of critical operational systems
- recognise potential situations requiring action and then implement appropriate action.

Consistent performance should be demonstrated. For example, look to see that:

- early warning signs of equipment in need of attention/with potential problems are recognised
- appropriate equipment tests are undertaken and analysed appropriately
- proposals for equipment repair are based upon the most appropriate and cost effective method to return equipment to full performance in a timely manner
- maintenance activities are completed safely and to procedures.

Assessment method and context

Assessment will occur on industrial equipment and will be undertaken in a work-like environment.

Competence in this unit may be assessed:

- on a processing plant, allowing for operation under all normal and a range of abnormal conditions
- in a situation allowing the generation of evidence of the ability to respond to problems
- by using a suitable simulation and/or a range of case studies/scenarios
- through a combination of these techniques.

In all cases it is expected that practical assessment will be combined with targeted questioning to assess the underpinning knowledge and theoretical assessment will be combined with appropriate practical/simulation or similar assessment. Assessors need to be aware of any cultural issues that may affect responses to questions.

Assessment processes and techniques must be culturally appropriate and appropriate to the oracy, language and literacy capacity of the assessee and the work being performed.

Specific resources for assessment

This section should be read in conjunction with the Range Statement for this unit of competency. Resources required include suitable access to an operating plant or equipment that allows for appropriate and realistic simulation. A bank of case studies/scenarios and questions will also be required to the extent that they form part of the assessment method. Questioning may take place either in the workplace, or in an adjacent, quiet facility such as an office or lunchroom. No other special resources are required.

Access must be provided to appropriate learning and/or assessment support when required. Where applicable, physical resources should include equipment modified for people with disabilities.

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. Add any 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. Where reference is made to industry codes of practice, and/or Australian/international standards, the latest version must be used.

Context

This competency applies to all work environments and sectors within the industry. It does not include maintenance that would require trade level skills. It is not intended that this competency would cover maintenance that is carried out in a workshop.

Procedures

All operations are performed in accordance with procedures.

Procedures mean all relevant workplace procedures, work instructions, temporary instructions, standard operating procedures, plant description manuals, manufacturer instructions, specifications, service manuals, machine circuit diagrams for hydraulic/pneumatic and electrical/electronic circuits and relevant industry and government codes and standards.

Maintenance activities

This competency unit includes minor maintenance such as the following:

- operational maintenance (eg connection-disconnection of hoses, greasing, lubrication and lubricant systems, adjusting sealing glands, cleaning and changing filters, 'nipping up' flanges)
- general cleaning
- removal and replacement (eg gland packing, changing blades or cutters, replacing gaskets, replacing /maintaining seals, changing filter elements, servicing strainers).

Tools and equipment

This competency includes use of equipment and tools such as:

- hand tools
- specialised tools
- measuring and aligning equipment.

Hazards

Typical hazards include:

- rotating and moving machinery
- process materials, solids, liquids and gases under pressure or flowing
- hot surfaces or materials
- temporary connections or by-passes
- electrical, hydraulic or pneumatic energy sources
- out of specification operation.

Problems

Respond to/rectify 'non-routine problems' means 'apply known solutions to a variety of predictable problems'. Typical process and product problems may include:

- out-of-specification product or variations
- response of equipment to materials variations
- equipment in need of maintenance.

Variables

Key variables to be monitored include:

- equipment performance (eg speed, output, variations)
- equipment component performance
- sequences and timing of operations
- materials changes (desired and not desired).

Data and Records

Typical information sources, observed data and plant records may include:

- plant data
- log sheets
- operational and performance reports
- physical aspects such as noise, smell, feel and pressure condition monitoring information
- planned maintenance schedules
- procedures
- manufacturer specifications, instructions, service manuals and other information.
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Unit Sector(s)

Not applicable.