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# **MSFSF2007 Construct unlined curtains and drapes**

**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

Release 1 - New unit of competency

## Application

This unit of competency covers constructing and machine sewing unlined, pleated and gathered curtains and drapes.

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

## Pre-requisite Unit

## Competency Field

## Unit Sector

Soft Furnishing

## Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

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

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| 1 | Establish work requirements and prepare for work | 1.1 | Work health and safety (WHS) requirements, including ergonomic criteria and personal protection needs, are observed throughout the work |
|   |                                                  | 1.2 | Work order requirements are checked and confirmed                                                                                       |
|   |                                                  | 1.3 | Heading type is recognised to identify personal work requirements for measuring, calculating, sewing, folding and finishing             |
|   |                                                  | 1.4 | Correct side of fabric, naps, direction of pattern and pattern matches are identified                                                   |
|   |                                                  | 1.5 | Drapery panels are checked for faults                                                                                                   |
|   |                                                  | 1.6 | Appropriate needle types for the fabric are selected and threaded                                                                       |
| 2 | Lay out work to be                               | 2.1 | Top fabric is folded bringing edges to be seamed together to match any pattern and to maintain an appropriate                           |

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|   | sewn                           |     | finished length following workplace quality requirements                                                                                                                     |
|   |                                | 2.2 | Fabric is held together and, where required, supported with pins or other workplace approved methods                                                                         |
| 3 | Stitch seams and form corners  | 3.1 | Curtain fabrics are held to allow for personal right-hand or left-hand preference of the sewer, and manipulation requirements for the bulk and slipperiness of the materials |
|   |                                | 3.2 | Machine sewing operations are completed correctly                                                                                                                            |
|   |                                | 3.3 | Corners are folded and formed to match work order requirements, inserting any required weight bags                                                                           |
|   |                                | 3.4 | Hems are completed using any required weights, stitch type and appropriate sewing method                                                                                     |
|   |                                | 3.5 | Corners are stitched and finished, and any loose threads trimmed                                                                                                             |
| 4 | Construct curtain headings     | 4.1 | Curtain heading tape is attached according to workplace approved method and job instructions                                                                                 |
|   |                                | 4.2 | Sewn pleat spaces are kept uniform within drops                                                                                                                              |
|   |                                | 4.3 | Care labels are fixed to heading or hem of curtain according to workplace standards                                                                                          |
| 5 | Finish work                    | 5.1 | Finished curtain panels, including stitch length, end finishing and final length of finished curtain panels, are checked against work requirements                           |
|   |                                | 5.2 | Work is pressed for the next work stage                                                                                                                                      |
|   |                                | 5.3 | Any parts of the work which do not comply with work order are repaired                                                                                                       |
| 6 | Complete work for next process | 6.1 | Workplace required documentation is completed and stored following appropriate procedures                                                                                    |
|   |                                | 6.2 | Finished work is folded, protected and despatched to next process following workplace procedures                                                                             |

## Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency. Detail on appropriate performance levels for each furnishing unit of competency in reading, writing, oral communication and numeracy utilising the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) are provided in the Furnishing Training Package Implementation Guide.

## Range of Conditions

Specifies different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included. Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

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| <b>Unit context includes:</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WHS requirements, including legislation, building codes, material safety management systems, hazardous and dangerous goods codes, and local safe operating procedures or equivalent</li><li>• work is carried out in accordance with legislative obligations, environmental legislation, relevant health regulations, manual handling procedures and organisation insurance requirements</li><li>• work requires individuals to demonstrate some discretion, judgement and problem solving</li></ul> |
| <b>Curtain heading styles include:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• gathered</li><li>• slotted (rod pocket)</li><li>• pencil pleat and pinch pleat and may include tab top</li><li>• knife pleat</li><li>• goblet pleat and cartridge</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Machines include:</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• industrial sewing machines</li><li>• pressing equipment</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Tools and equipment include:</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• measuring and calculating equipment:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• tapes</li><li>• rulers</li><li>• calculators</li><li>• computers</li></ul></li><li>• fabric and general cutting and sewing tools:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• scissors</li><li>• sewing machines</li><li>• hemming machines</li><li>• overlockers</li><li>• pleating machines</li></ul></li></ul>                                                                                                             |

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| <b>Materials to be machined include:</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• interlining and curtain fabrics</li><li>• fasteners</li><li>• threads</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Work order requirements include:</b>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• widths and numbers of finished curtain panels, heading style, number and spacing of pleats</li><li>• finishing and any filling of curtain headings</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Marking out includes:</b>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• returns</li><li>• overlaps</li><li>• pleats</li><li>• spaces</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Machine sewing operation quality requirements include:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• straight stitching along marked pleat line from the top of the heading to the lower edge of the stiffening material or vice versa</li><li>• securing of beginning and end of threads of the stitching with even and appropriate seam stitch type, length and visibility</li><li>• seams are flat</li><li>• the inclusion of care labels and fibre content labels where required</li><li>• finished components match work requirements</li></ul> |
| <b>Personal protective equipment includes:</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• that prescribed under legislation, regulations and enterprise policies and practices</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Information and procedures include:</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• workplace procedures relating to the use of tools and equipment</li><li>• work instructions, including job sheets, cutting lists, plans, drawings and designs</li><li>• workplace procedures relating to reporting and communication</li><li>• manufacturer specifications and operational procedures</li></ul>                                                                                                                                 |

## Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is equivalent to LMFSF2007B Construct unlined curtains/drapes.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=0601ab95-583a-4e93-b2d4-cfb27b03ed73>

# Assessment Requirements for MSFSF2007 Construct unlined curtains and drapes

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## Performance Evidence

- Interpret work order and locate and apply relevant information
- Apply safe handling requirements for equipment, products and materials, including use of personal protective equipment
- Identify materials used in the work process
- Follow work instructions, operating procedures and inspection processes to:
  - minimise the risk of injury to self or others
  - prevent damage to goods, equipment and products
  - maintain required production output and product quality
- Interpret work order to manufacture the required curtains and identify materials used and any special sewing requirements for those materials
- Measure accurately and construct at least four (4) different types of pleated or gathered curtains/drapes
- Use mathematical ideas and techniques to correctly complete measurements, calculate area and estimate material requirements
- Communicate ideas and information to enable confirmation of work requirements and specifications and the reporting of work outcomes and problems, interpret basic plans and follow safety procedures
- Avoid backtracking, work flow interruptions or wastage
- Work with others and in a team by recognising dependencies and using cooperative approaches to optimise work flow and productivity

## Knowledge Evidence

- Identification of equipment, processes and procedures for the sewing operations
- Fabric types, common faults and inspection procedures
- Risks to health from repetitive actions and prevention strategies
- Design features of the heading styles sewn in relation to work requirements
- Soft furnishing work requirements, including workplace standards

## Assessment Conditions

- Assessors must:
  - hold training and assessment competencies as determined by the National Skills Standards Council (NSSC) or its successors

- have vocational competency in the furnishing industry at least to the level being assessed with broad industry knowledge and experience, usually combined with a relevant industry qualification
- be familiar with the current skills and knowledge used and have relevant, current experience in the furnishing industry.
- Assessment methods must confirm consistency of performance over time rather than a single assessment event and in a range of workplace relevant contexts.
- Assessment must be by observation of relevant tasks with questioning on underpinning knowledge and, where applicable, multimedia evidence, supervisor's reports, projects and work samples.
- Assessment is to be conducted on single units of competency or in conjunction with other related units of competency. Foundation skills are integral to competent performance in the unit and should not be assessed separately.
- Assessment must occur on the job or in a workplace simulated facility with relevant process, equipment, materials, work instructions and deadlines.
- Access is required to appropriate sewing machine, fabrics, work order, work procedures and/or equipment instructions.

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