



Australian Government

MSFSF2014 Use soft furnishing sector hand and power tools

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Modification History

Release 1 - New unit of competency

Application

This unit of competency covers selecting and using hand and power tools in applications relating to the soft furnishing sector of the furnishing industry.

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.

1	Identify hand and power tools	1.1	Types of hand and power tools and their functions are identified
		1.2	Sources of power supply are recognised
		1.3	Work health and safety (WHS) requirements for using hand and power tools are recognised and adhered to
2	Select and use hand tools	2.1	Hand tools are selected consistent with the needs of the job
		2.2	Tools are checked for serviceability and safety and any faults are corrected or processed for repair
		2.3	Equipment is selected to hold or support material for hand tool application, where applicable
		2.4	Material is located and held in position for hand tool application

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| | 2.5 | Hand tools are safely and effectively used according to their intended use |
| | 2.6 | Hand tools are safely located when not in immediate use |
| 3 | Select and use power tools | <p>3.1 Appropriate personal protective equipment is selected, correctly fitted and used</p> <p>3.2 Power tools are selected consistent with the needs of the job in accordance with conventional work practice</p> <p>3.3 Power tools are visually checked for serviceability/safety in accordance with WHS requirements and any faults are corrected or processed for repair</p> <p>3.4 Equipment is selected to hold or support materials for power tool application, where applicable</p> <p>3.5 Material is located and held in position for power tool application where applicable</p> <p>3.6 Power tools are safely and effectively used in application processes</p> <p>3.7 Power tools are safely located when not in use</p> |
| 4 | Clean up work area and tools | <p>4.1 All tools are cleaned, maintained and stored</p> <p>4.2 Equipment is cleaned, maintained and stored</p> <p>4.3 Work area is cleared and waste removed</p> |

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.

- Unit context includes:**
- WHS requirements, including legislation, building codes, material safety management systems, hazardous and dangerous goods codes, and local safe operating procedures or equivalent
 - work is carried out in accordance with legislative obligations, environmental legislation, relevant health regulations, manual handling procedures and organisation insurance requirements
 - work requires individuals to demonstrate some discretion, judgement and problem solving
- Hand tools include:**
- scissors
 - cutting blades
 - tape measures
 - rulers
 - hammers
 - staple guns and screwdrivers
- Power tools include:**
- drills
 - screwdrivers
 - staple guns
 - pressing equipment
 - others as required by enterprises
- Fault reporting includes:**
- verbal or written reporting
- Personal protective equipment includes:**
- that prescribed under legislation, regulations and enterprise policies and practices
- Information and procedures include:**
- workplace procedures relating to the use of tools and equipment
 - work instructions, including job sheets, cutting lists, plans, drawings and designs
 - workplace procedures relating to reporting and communication
 - manufacturer specifications and operational procedures

Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is equivalent to LMFSF2014B Use soft furnishing sector hand and power tools.

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 MSFSF2014 Use soft furnishing sector hand and power tools

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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
- On at least three (3) occasions adopt and carry out correct procedures prior to and during use of hand and power tools for soft furnishing operations
- 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

- Function, purpose and operator maintenance requirements of hand tools used in the workplace
- Function, purpose and operator maintenance requirements of power tools used in the workplace
- Workplace safety requirements and WHS legislation

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 soft furnishing sector hand and power tools, and materials used in the manufacturing and/or installation of soft furnishing products.

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