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Assessment Requirements for MSMTMINS401 Inspect a range of weighing instruments

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Modification History

Release 2. Adjustments to the Application, Performance Criteria and Range of Conditions. Adjustment to the Assessment Conditions. Equivalent.

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MSATMINS401A Inspect a range of weighing instruments

Performance Evidence

Evidence of competence in this unit must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria, and include demonstration of:

- completing initial verification testing of:
 - at least one (1) non-automatic weighing instrument from each of the following four classes of instruments (Class 1, 2, 3 and 4); and
 - at least one (1) catchweighing instrument from either Class Y(a) or Y(b)
- accessing and correctly interpreting documentation required for inspections, evaluation of weighing instruments and verifier audits
- ensuring test equipment and reference standards are fit for purpose in accordance with applicable legislation and organisational procedures
- planning, preparing for and safely conducting inspections to maximise outcomes and minimise disruption to the public and trader
- checking compliance and evaluating the performance of weighing instruments using appropriate Certificate of Approval, National Measurement Institute (NMI) policy and National Instrument Test Procedures, and adjusting for any impact of the operating environment
- reliably determining if weighing instruments are suitable for trade use in accordance with legislative requirements
- conducting at least two (2) verifier instrument audits to assess the performance of verifiers who test and mark weighing instruments for trade use
- assessing verifier performance against expected outcomes and analysing any variances to identify isolated or systemic problems
- identifying potential non-compliance of trading practices (applicable to instruments) with national measurement legislation and initiating an efficient inspection strategy that has a limited impact on others
- recognising and acting on non-compliance of a weighing instrument or verifier performance and/or trading practices with national measurement legislation and initiating appropriate enforcement action
- demonstrating professionalism and respecting the rights of the trader at all times
- using advanced communication and negotiation skills to:

- explain the inspection purpose, procedures and outcomes to traders, verifiers and managers
- inform traders of non-compliances and consequences of failing to rectify them
- access external equipment and resources to complete the inspection
- performing specified calculations involving:
 - fractions, decimals, ratios, proportions and percentages
 - scientific notation, correct units and the correct number of significant figures
- maintaining the security and confidentiality of data in accordance with organisational and regulatory requirements
- reporting results in the required formats and expected timeframe
- working safely.

Knowledge Evidence

Must provide evidence that demonstrates knowledge of:

- general science principles and concepts, including weight, mass and gravity
- metrological terms and terminology specific to weighing instruments, including maximum permissible errors, traceability, uncertainty, maximum permissible difference, eccentricity, repeatability, error of measurement, error of indication and linearisation
- national measurement legislation applicable to weighing instruments
- safe work method statements (SWMS) for a range of trading environments, such as laboratories, retail, manufacturing, industrial, mining, construction, medical, chemical, petroleum, farming and abattoirs
- NMI policy requirements, including test procedure variations between a verification, in-service or audit inspection, bulletins, instructions and determinations
- detailed National Instrument Test Procedures and operating procedures for equipment and reference standards used in job role, including:
 - test conditions and possible environmental impacts on performance of the instrument
 - key preparation/measurement steps in test method
 - calculation steps to give results in appropriate units and precision
 - maximum permissible errors for weighing instruments under inspection
 - organisational policy and procedures for inspecting weighing instruments, including completing inspection documentation
 - organisational safety procedures and requirements of applicable Commonwealth, state and territory work/occupational health and safety (WHS/OHS) legislation.

Assessment Conditions

- Judgement of competence must be based on holistic assessment of the evidence. Assessment methods must confirm consistency of performance over time, rather than a single assessment event.

- This unit of competency should be assessed in the workplace or a simulated workplace environment. A simulated workplace environment must reflect realistic operational workplace conditions that cover all aspects of workplace performance, including the environment, task skills, task management skills, contingency management skills and job role environment skills.
- Foundation skills are integral to competent performance of the unit and should not be assessed separately.
- 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.
- Knowledge evidence may be collected concurrently with performance evidence or through an independent process, such as workbooks, written assessments or interviews (provided a record is kept in each case).
- This unit of competency may be assessed with:
 - *MSMTMREF301 Use and maintain reference standards*
 - *MSMTMINS403 Inspect a range of trading practices*
 - *MSMTMINS404 Inspect a range of pre-packaged products*
 - *MSMTMINS402 Inspect a range of liquid measuring instruments using volume measures*
- Holistic assessment methods include:
 - review of initial verification testing reports and verifier instrument audit reports prepared by the candidate
 - feedback from supervisors and peers regarding the candidate's ability to conduct inspections, evaluate the performance of weighing instruments and audit verifier's performance in accordance with legislative and organisational procedures
 - questions to assess understanding of relevant procedures, licensing requirements, trader obligations and remedial actions
 - review of candidate's responses to inspection scenarios, such as potential/actual non-compliances and appropriate actions, common issues and problems
 - observation of the candidate conducting an inspection.
- Access is required to instruments, equipment, materials, workplace documentation, procedures, and specifications associated with this unit including, but not limited to:
 - latest versions of appropriate documentation, such as Certificates of Verification and Approval, NMI policy, National Instrument Test Procedures for verifying weighing instruments and relevant legislation
 - equipment manuals, safety data sheets (SDS) and safety procedures
 - records, such as test reports, audit reports, instrument history and test results
 - weighing instruments, test equipment and reference standards
 - computer and relevant software and/or organisation information management system.
- Assessors must satisfy the assessor competency requirements that are in place at the time of the assessment as set by the VET regulator.
- The assessor must demonstrate both technical competency and currency.
- Technical competence can be demonstrated through:
 - relevant VET or other qualification/Statement of Attainment AND/OR

- relevant workplace experience in trade measurement at least to the level being assessed and broad industry knowledge (such as a relevant industry qualification).
- Currency can be demonstrated through:
 - performing the competency being assessed as part of current employment in trade measurement OR
 - having consulted with trade measurement inspectors and/or verifiers performing the competency being assessed within the last twelve months.

Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=d1287d36-dff4-4e9f-ad2c-9d6270054027>