



Australian Government

MSMWHIS601 Develop WHS management system

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MSAPMOHS601A Establish workplace OHS management system

Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to develop the work health and safety (WHS) management system at senior management level, in order to meet legislative requirements and to ensure that the workplace is, so far as is practicable, safe and without risks to the health of employees.

This unit of competency applies to managers and senior technicians who have a WHS responsibility. It typically applies when a WHS management system is being developed, and could be used for a complete review of an existing WHS management system. Develop means to develop initially, or to further develop/improve or maintain an existing WHS management system.

This unit of competency describes WHS requirements applicable for those with managerial responsibilities for development and ongoing management of the WHS management system within the organisation. This may be as a worker or as an owner of a business.

This unit of competency applies within an area of managerial responsibility, which may be an entire organisation or department of an organisation. Roles and responsibilities will vary from organisation to organisation.

This unit of competency applies to organisations where the WHS system with related policies, procedures and programs may or may not be established. Where the WHS system is established, the unit will relate to the review of the WHS management system.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Work health and safety

Unit Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

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essential outcomes	demonstrate achievement of the element
1 Identify needs of the WHS management system	1.1 Analyse the workplace to identify needs and workplace factors that may impact on the design of the WHS management system 1.2 Clarify WHS legal obligations in relation to the specific workplace 1.3 Review relevant standards relating to WHS management system 1.4 Identify links with other functional areas and management systems 1.5 Seek input from stakeholders on the design of the WHS management system
2 Review the framework for the WHS management system	2.1 Ensure WHS responsibilities and duties are documented and accountability processes are in place 2.2 Identify and source financial and human resources required for the operation of the WHS management system 2.3 Review WHS policies and procedures 2.4 Ensure implications of any proposed changes to the workplace are identified and addressed 2.5 Recognise limits of own professional expertise and consult WHS specialists as necessary
3 Develop participative arrangements for the management of WHS	3.1 Develop appropriate participative processes with employees and their representatives in accordance with relevant WHS legislation and industry standards 3.2 Provide information on WHS to employees in a format that is readily accessible and understandable 3.3 Promptly and effectively deal with and resolve issues raised through participation and consultation in accordance with procedures for issues resolution

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| | | 3.4 | Provide information about the outcomes of participation and consultation in a manner accessible to employees |
| 4 | Develop risk management processes | 4.1 | Develop procedures for hazard, incident and injury reporting and investigation |
| | | 4.2 | Develop procedures for hazard identification, hazard analysis and risk assessment |
| | | 4.3 | Develop hazard specific risk control measures currently in place to meet legal requirements and minimise risk as far as is practicable |
| | | 4.4 | Develop procedures for ongoing control of identified hazards and monitoring of the effectiveness of controls |
| 5 | Develop and maintain a WHS training program | 5.1 | Conduct a WHS training needs assessment for the work group that takes account of legislative requirements, internal policies and procedures, skills of work group and risk control requirements |
| | | 5.2 | Develop and implement a WHS training program to identify and fulfil employee's WHS training needs as a part of the organisation general training program. |
| | | 5.3 | Coordinate with relevant training experts as necessary |
| 6 | Develop and maintain a system for WHS records | 6.1 | Identify and address legal requirements for record keeping and reporting |
| | | 6.2 | Identify and access sources of WHS information |
| | | 6.3 | Take actions to ensure that records are accurately completed, collected and stored |
| 7 | Implement WHS systems, strategies and plans | 7.1 | Determine WHS priorities in consultation with managers and taking account of participative arrangements in the workplace |
| | | 7.2 | Develop plans for the implementation of WHS strategies |
| | | 7.3 | Monitor and update plans for achievement as required |

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

This field allows for 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.

Regulatory framework

The latest version of all legislation, regulations, industry codes of practice and Australian/international standards, or the version specified by the local regulatory authority, must be used, and include one or more of the following:

- legislative requirements, including work health and safety (WHS)
- industry codes of practice and guidelines
- environmental regulations and guidelines
- Australian and other standards
- licence and certification requirements

Procedures

All operations must be performed in accordance with relevant procedures.

Procedures are written, verbal, visual, computer-based or in some other form, and include one or more of the following:

- emergency procedures
- work instructions
- standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- safe work method statements (SWMS)
- formulas/recipes
- batch sheets
- temporary instructions
- any similar instructions provided for the smooth running of the plant

Hazards

Hazards include one or more of the following:

- smoke, darkness and heat

- electricity
- gas and
- gases and liquids under pressure
- structural hazards
- structural collapse
- industrial (machinery, equipment and product)
- equipment or product mass
- noise, rotational equipment or vibration
- working at heights, in restricted or confined spaces, or in environments subjected to heat, noise, dusts or vapours
- flammability and explosivity
- hazardous products and materials
- sharp edges, protrusions or obstructions
- slippery surfaces, spills or leaks
- limited head spaces or overhangs
- unauthorised personnel
- other hazards that might arise

**WHS
information
sources**

WHS information sources include one or more of:

- WHS legislation, codes of practice and Australian and International standards
- WHS regulators
- WorkSafe Australia Guides
- industry bodies
- internet sites, journals and newsletters
- manufacturer manuals
- material safety data sheets (MSDS) and registers
- organisation WHS policies and procedures
- internal risk assessments, job safety analyses (JSAs) and workplace inspections
- internal hazard and incident reports

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

