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MSS027014 Apply environmental legislation, codes and standards

Release: 1

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Modification History

Release 1. Updated unit code. Changes to performance criteria. Range of conditions removed. Assessment requirements amended. Equivalent outcome.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge to interpret and apply relevant environmental legislation, codes and standards to activities associated with a work area, site, project or program. Personnel are required to access, review and interpret complex legal and technical documents, develop and revise site or project-specific environmental management procedures, explain the implications of these documents to site personnel, monitor work activities to ensure compliance and prepare reports.

This unit applies to environmental site coordinators, environmental managers and senior environmental officers working in all industry sectors. They may also work under the supervision of an environmental scientist or engineer, site manager or workplace environmental manager.

No licensing or certification requirements exist at the time of publication. Relevant legislation, industry standards and codes of practice within Australia must be applied.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Management

Unit Sector

Environmental

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

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

1	Access and interpret relevant legislation, codes and standards	1.1	Read and interpret legislative, regulatory and licensing requirements and approvals that apply to site or project
		1.2	Analyse the broad significance of these requirements for the organisation, key job roles and specific work activities

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	1.3 Identify legal accountability, obligations and consequences of non-compliance 1.4 Obtain advice from relevant personnel about environmental law matters that impact on work area and are outside own scope of knowledge 1.5 Clarify own scope of responsibility and authority for achieving specific environmental outcomes
2 Ensure project or site specific environmental management procedures comply with requirements	2.1 Read and interpret workplace environmental management policies, plans and procedures in conjunction with legislative requirements 2.2 Assess the need for project or site-specific environmental management procedures in consultation with manager 2.3 Draft new or revised procedures to address any gaps or deficiencies 2.4 Provide draft documentation to relevant personnel for review and approval prior to use
3 Promote compliance by site personnel	3.1 Distribute clear information about the environmental management roles and responsibilities of site personnel 3.2 Provide clear information about workplace environmental management policies, plans and procedures and work instructions 3.3 Explain the implications of non-compliance to all site personnel in work area 3.4 Empower site personnel through coaching and mentoring to manage their own environmental responsibilities
4 Ensure that work activities meet compliance	4.1 Plan work activities to ensure environmental compliance 4.2 Recognise when current or planned activities may require changes to existing licences and approvals and

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requirements	notify relevant personnel
	4.3 Implement environmental management policies, plans and procedures to ensure compliance and achieve environmental objectives and key performance indicators
	4.4 Collect and collate environmental data to support preparation of required reports and compliance information
	4.5 Review environmental data for completeness and accuracy and identify opportunities for improving compliance
	4.6 Complete reporting requirements in accordance with workplace procedures and legislative requirements
5 Maintain knowledge of legislative requirements	5.1 Monitor sources of information for changes to legislation, codes and standards
	5.2 Regularly update information for site personnel and explain changes to legal requirements that impact on work area

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.

Unit Mapping Information

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MSS027002 Apply environmental legislation, codes and standards.

Links

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Performance Evidence

There must be evidence the candidate has completed the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit, and:

- researched, interpreted, applied and promoted environmental legislative requirements, codes and standards for at least 2 sites, projects or program activities.

Knowledge Evidence

There must be evidence the candidate has knowledge of:

- legal terminology, including statute, acts, regulations and ordinances
- sources of environmental legislative information and changes
- responsible bodies at federal and state and territory levels
- major features of federal and state and territory environmental legislation, regulations and local government by-laws, policies and plans that apply to the work area, site, project or program
- organisation's environmental management plans, policies, procedures and work instructions that apply to the work area, site, project or program
- workplace procedures for the development, revision and improvement of environmental management policies, plans, procedures and work instructions
- workplace environmental reporting requirements for the work area, site, project or program and reporting procedures
- types of site personnel.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must have been demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions and contingencies. The following conditions must be met for this unit:

- use of facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - a standard work space equipped with basic computer equipment and access to organisation's information management system; maps, digital camera; and monitoring and sampling equipment
 - documentation, including site/project history, workplace environmental management policies, plans, actions, procedures and checklists.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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