



Australian Government

MSTLA2001 Apply infection control policies and procedures in laundry operations

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to LMTLA2011A Apply infection control policies and procedures in laundry operations

Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to ensure that laundry operations comply with infection control policies and procedures.

The unit of competency applies to preparing and processing laundry items in accordance with industry and organisational policies and procedures relating to infection control.

Work may be conducted in small to large scale enterprises and may involve individual and team activities. Work is performed within defined procedures under direct supervision.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Laundry operations

Unit Sector

Not applicable

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 Determine job requirements | 1.1 Follow standard operating procedures (SOPs) |
| | 1.2 Comply with work health and safety (WHS) requirements at all times |
| | 1.3 Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with SOPs |
| | 1.4 Identify job requirements from specifications, drawings, |

job sheets or work instructions

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| 2 | Prepare to apply infection control policies | 2.1 Collect and sort linen in accordance with organisational guidelines

2.2 Communicate constructively to achieve planned outcomes in relation to infection risks, waste management and hygiene issues

2.3 Complete required documentation |
| 3 | Clean and disinfect equipment and surfaces | 3.1 Select and prepare appropriate cleaning products, disinfectants and cleaning equipment

3.2 Clean and disinfect equipment and surfaces in accordance with infection control guidelines and scheduled cleaning routines

3.3 Practise standard precautions and follow organisational infection control policy and procedures

3.4 Store equipment correctly

3.5 Maintain personal hygiene

3.6 Where appropriate, adhere to one way work flows from clean to dirty zones |
| 4 | Identify and respond to infection risks | 4.1 Identify infection risks, apply standard precautions, and implement appropriate response within own role and responsibility to maintain a clean environment

4.2 Place appropriate signs as and where appropriate

4.3 Maintain awareness of common infection risks and wear PPE in accordance with standard precautions

4.4 Follow risk control and risk containment procedures for specific risks, when required

4.5 Remove spillages in accordance with organisational policy and procedure |

Foundation Skills

This section describes those required skills (language, literacy and numeracy) 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.

Workplace procedures include one or more of the following:

- requirements prescribed by legislation, awards, agreements and conditions of employment
- SOPs
- work instructions
- oral, written and visual communication
- quality practices, including responsibility for maintenance of own work quality and contribution to quality improvement of team or section output
- housekeeping
- tasks related to environmental protection, waste disposal, pollution control and recycling
- WHS practices

Australian Standards include:

- the relevant industry or Australian Standards that are current at the time this unit is being undertaken

Sort linen includes:

- wearing and using appropriate personal protective equipment when handling soiled linen
- segregating, containing, storing and transporting waste according to organisational policy and procedures.
- disposing of waste safely according to established organisational and legislative requirements
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Waste includes one or more of the following:

- clinical and related wastes
- cytotoxic waste
- sharps
- radioactive waste
- general waste
- food wastes
- human or animal tissue

- hazardous substances

Disposal requirements include one or more of the following:

- determined by government, including local government requirements
- determined by organisational policy
- landfill
- flushing into sewerage system
- incineration
- licensed microwave disinfection

Infection control guidelines include one or more of the following:

- organisation's infection control policy and procedure manual
- standard and additional precautions
- codes of practice
- relevant Australian Standards
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) guidelines
- local government ordinances
- safety data sheets (SDS) for chemical use
- food safety plan

Personal hygiene includes the following:

- using standard and additional infection control procedures, when required
- maintaining cleanliness of work clothes
- maintaining personal hygiene
- covering open-skin areas with an occlusive dressing
- following hand washing procedures
- checking appropriate PPE prior to use
- wearing PPE correctly
- undertaking immunisation in accordance with organisational policy

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=a203ec5c-de7d-406b-b3e1-8f1a9b76e92e>