



Australian Government

MSTLA2011 Apply infection control policies and procedures in laundry operations

Release: 1

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Modification History

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent MSTLA2001 Apply infection control policies and procedures in laundry operations.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare and process 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 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

Laundry operations

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements <i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	Performance Criteria <i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare to apply infection control policies	1.1 Determine job and safe work requirements from work information 1.2 Collect and sort linen in accordance with organisational guidelines 1.3 Communicate effectively with others to achieve planned outcomes in relation to infection risks, waste management and hygiene issues 1.4 Complete required documentation
2. Clean and disinfect equipment and surfaces	2.1 Select and prepare cleaning products, disinfectants and cleaning equipment suitable for the job 2.2 Clean and disinfect equipment and surfaces in accordance with infection control policies and procedures and scheduled cleaning routines

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	2.3 Practice standard precautions and follow organisational infection control policies and procedures 2.4 Store equipment in accordance with organisational guidelines 2.5 Maintain personal hygiene in accordance with organisational guidelines 2.6 Adhere to one way work flows from clean to dirty zones based on job requirements
3. Identify and respond to infection risks	3.1 Identify infection risks, apply standard precautions, and implement appropriate response within scope of own responsibility to maintain a clean environment 3.2 Place appropriate signs as and where required by the situation 3.3 Maintain awareness of common infection risks and wear personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with standard precautions 3.4 Follow risk control and risk containment procedures for specific risks 3.5 Remove spillages in accordance with infection control policies and procedures

Foundation Skills

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

- Reading skills to interpret work instructions, standard precautions, standard operating procedures (SOPs) and key requirements of industry standards
- Numeracy skills to calculate ratios and accurately measure and mix cleaning chemicals and disinfectants using mL, L.

Other foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit.

Unit Mapping Information

Release 1. Supersedes and is equivalent to MSTLA2001 Apply infection control policies and procedures in laundry operations.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for MSTLA2011 Apply infection control policies and procedures in laundry operations

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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:

- applied infection control policies and procedures to 2 different laundry tasks, including:
 - complying with all infection control guidelines relating to specific work role, safe waste handling and management procedures
 - maintaining personal hygiene
 - applying standard and additional precautions to identify and respond to infection risks.

Knowledge Evidence

There must be evidence the candidate has knowledge of:

- key requirements of *Australian/New Zealand Standard™ AS/NZS 4146:2000 Laundry practice*
- processes of how infection is spread
- organisation infection control policies and procedures as they relate to specific work role
- types of PPE and their use:
 - aprons
 - eye and face protection
 - gloves
 - hair protection or covering
 - impermeable gowns
 - masks
 - overshoes or safety footwear
- infection risks in a laundry environment, and specifically in own workplace:
 - animals, insects and vermin
 - body fluids
 - human waste and human tissue
 - incorrect concentration of disinfectants and chemicals
 - personal contact with infectious patients
 - sharps

- stagnant water
 - stock, including food which has passed 'used-by' dates
 - waste
- precautions against infection risk:
 - consistently following correct hygiene procedures
 - correctly using PPE
 - following correct hand washing techniques
 - following procedures appropriate to the cleaning area and purpose
 - minimising disruption to the work environment
 - minimising infection risks and hazards for self and others
 - selecting and using equipment and disinfectants
 - using appropriate chemicals for cleaning and disinfection
- responses to infection risks:
 - cleaning
 - containment or elimination of the risk
 - following specified organisational procedures
 - following standard and additional precautions
 - incident reporting
 - removal of waste or spillage
 - seeking advice from or reporting to an appropriate person
 - using PPE
- personal hygiene practices
- organisation waste management policy and procedures
- different types of waste in a laundry environment
- waste disposal practices:
 - bags
 - lockable bins
 - special containers
 - suitable vehicle
 - trolley
- cleaning equipment:
 - buckets
 - mechanical cleaning equipment
 - mops and brushes
- work health and safety policy and practice in relation to infection risks, hygiene and waste
- relevant safety data sheets (SDSs)
- workplace practices for recording and reporting.

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 suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - a laundry environment set up with chemicals and disinfectants and related standard operating procedures (SOPs), PPE and infection control information
 - laundry items to be cleaned that may pose an infection risk.

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

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