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RIICWM503E Prepare civil works cost estimates

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version first released with RII Resources and Infrastructure Industry Training Package Version 6.0.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare civil works cost estimates in civil construction. It includes confirming bills of quantities and schedules of rates, and developing, gaining agreement on and supporting project cost estimates.

It applies to those working in managerial or technical specialist roles. They generally apply a broad range of technical and managerial skills and are responsible for the delivery of outputs that meet site requirements.

Licensing, legislative and certification requirements that apply to this unit can vary between states, territories, and industry sectors. Users must check requirements with relevant body before applying the unit.

Unit Sector

Civil construction

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Plan to prepare civil works cost estimates	1.1 Obtain, interpret and confirm work requirements 1.2 Access, interpret and apply documentation required to prepare civil works cost estimates and confirm work activity is compliant 1.3 Identify and address potential risks, hazards and environmental issues and implement control measures 1.4 Review and confirm draft works program that details tasks to be undertaken 1.5 Confirm agreement on draft works program
2. Confirm bills of quantities	2.1 Review and confirm on-site labour bill of quantities 2.2 Review and confirm materials bill of quantities

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
	2.3 Review and confirm sub-contractor services bill of quantities
3. Confirm the schedules of rates	3.1 Review and confirm on-site labour schedule of rates 3.2 Review and confirm sub-contractor schedule of rates
4. Develop and gain agreement on estimated cost of civil works project	4.1 Apply confirmed schedules of rates to the respective confirmed bill of quantities and estimate civil works project cost 4.2 Gain approval of civil works cost estimate 4.3 Complete and submit documentation of civil works cost estimate
5. Support and review the application of the cost estimate	5.1 Provide clarification and advice to those applying cost estimate 5.2 Review application of cost estimate and recommend improvements to civil works cost estimate preparation processes

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance but not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Numeracy	Applies basic mathematics to calculate bill of quantities and schedule of rates from site requirements and documentation
Oral communication	Conveys information and requirements clearly and listens actively

Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is equivalent to RIICWM503D Prepare civil works cost estimate.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guide is found on VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=88a61002-9a21-4386-aaf8-69c76e675272>

Assessment Requirements for RIICWM503E Prepare civil works cost estimates

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate the ability to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including evidence of the ability to:

- prepare a civil works cost estimate on at least two occasions, including:
 - identifying relevant information and scope of the work required
 - identifying viable options and selecting civil works cost estimates
 - consulting with internal and external clients and relevant authorities
 - conducting a risk assessment of existing and potential hazards
 - reviewing and confirming bills of materials data
 - reviewing and confirming the schedule of rates data
 - obtaining further site data, including:
 - known and potential hazards, constraints and conditions
 - cultural and heritage data
 - geological data
 - survey data
 - hydrological data
 - meteorological data.

During the above, the candidate must:

- locate and apply required legislation, documentation, policies and procedures
- implement procedures and techniques for the preparation of civil works cost estimates, including accessing, interpreting and applying:
 - project plans, drawings and specifications
 - Australian and other relevant standards
 - engineering survey information
 - site hydrological, meteorological and geotechnical data
 - civil works construction materials test results

- cultural and heritage data
- civil works options selection data
- computer based works planning technology
- client feedback techniques
- work with others to prepare civil works cost estimates that meet required outcomes, including:
 - organising work activities to meet task requirements
 - communicating with others to receive and clarify work instructions
 - communicating with others to resolve coordination requirements prior to commencing and during work activities
 - consulting with stakeholders.

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge to complete the tasks outlined in the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit, including knowledge of:

- legislation required to prepare civil works cost estimates
- policies, procedures and documentation required to prepare civil works cost estimates, including those relating to:
 - risk assessment and management
 - statutory compliance
 - work health and safety
 - emergency response
 - environmental management
 - cultural and heritage management
 - quality management
 - contract management
 - maintaining cost records
 - assessing operational requirements
 - cultural and heritage management
 - reporting requirements, including:
 - task specifications
 - job plan
 - task drawings
 - activity scheduling
 - unit costs
 - overall task costs
 - communication techniques and equipment
 - calculation methods, including those related to:
 - areas
 - volumes

- labour hours
- materials quantities
- sub-contractor service capabilities
- productivity and required hours
- total civil works cost estimates
- principles and techniques for preparing civil works cost estimates, including those related to:
 - civil works activities
 - confirmation methods, including consultations
 - providing clarification and advice
 - interpretation methods, including those related to:
 - engineering survey information
 - hydrological data
 - geotechnical information
 - civil works construction materials test results
 - meteorological data
 - cultural and heritage data
 - civil works options selection data
- types, characteristics, technical capabilities and limitations of materials, plant and equipment required for preparing civil works cost estimates.

Assessment Conditions

Mandatory conditions for assessment of this unit are stipulated below. The assessment must:

- include access to:
 - personal protective equipment
 - equipment required to prepare civil works cost estimates
- be conducted in a safe environment; and,
- be assessed in the context of this sector's work environment; and,
- be assessed in compliance with relevant legislation/regulation and using policies, procedures and processes directly related to the industry sector for which it is being assessed; and,
- confirm consistent performance can be applied in a range of relevant workplace circumstances.

Where personal safety or environmental damage are limiting factors, assessment may occur in a simulated work environment* provided it is realistic and sufficiently rigorous to cover all aspects of this sector's workplace performance, including environment, task skills, task management skills, contingency management skills and job role environment skills.

Assessor requirements

Assessors must be able to clearly demonstrate current and relevant industry knowledge and experience to satisfy the mandatory regulatory standards as set out in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015/Australian Quality Training Framework mandatory requirements for assessors current at the time of assessment and any relevant licensing and certification requirements. This includes:

- vocational competencies at least to the level being delivered and assessed
- current industry skills directly relevant to the training and assessment being provided
- current knowledge and skills in vocational training and learning that informs their training and assessment
- formal relevant qualifications in training and assessment
- having knowledge of and/or experience using the latest techniques and processes
- possessing the required level of RII training product knowledge
- having an understanding and knowledge of legislation and regulations relevant to the industry and to employment and workplaces
- demonstrating the performance evidence, and knowledge evidence outlined in this unit of competency, and
- the minimum years of current** work experience after competency has been obtained as specified below in an industry sector relevant to the outcomes of the unit.

It is also acceptable for the appropriately qualified assessor to work with an industry expert to conduct assessment together and for the industry expert to be involved in the assessment judgement. The industry expert must have current industry skills directly relevant to the training and assessment being provided. This means the industry subject matter expert must demonstrate skills and knowledge from the minimum years of current work experience after competency has been obtained as specified below, including time spent in roles related to the unit being assessed:

Industry sector	AQF indicator level***	Required assessor or industry subject matter expert experience
Drilling, Metalliferous Mining, Coal Mining, Extractive (Quarrying) and Civil Infrastructure	1	1 year
	2	2 years
Drilling, Coal Mining, Extractive (Quarrying), Metalliferous Mining and Civil Infrastructure	3-6	3 years
Other sectors	Where this unit is being assessed outside of the resources and infrastructure sectors assessor and/or industry subject matter expert experience should be in-line with industry standards for the sector in which it is being assessed and where no industry standard is specified should comply with any relevant regulation.	

*Guidance on simulated environments has been stipulated in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide located on VETNet.

**Assessors can demonstrate current work experience through employment within industry in a role relevant to the outcomes of the unit; or, for external assessors this can be demonstrated through exposure to industry by conducting a minimum number of site assessments as determined by the relevant industry sector, across various locations.

*** While a unit of competency does not have an AQF level, where a unit is being delivered outside of a qualification the first numeric character in the unit code should be considered as the AQF indicator level for assessment purposes.

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