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RIIMCU306D Conduct shearer operations

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Application

This unit describes a participant's skills and knowledge required to conduct shearer operations in Coal mining

This unit is appropriate for those working in operational roles

Licensing, legislative, regulatory and certification requirements that apply to this unit can vary between States, Territories and Industry sectors. Relevant information must be sourced prior to the application of this unit.

Unit Sector

Coal mining

Elements and Performance Criteria

1. Plan and prepare to conduct shearer operations	1.1 Access, interpret and apply shearer operations documentation and ensure the work activity is compliant 1.2 Obtain, read, interpret, clarify and confirm work requirements 1.3 Identify and address potential risks, hazards and environmental issues and implement control measures 1.4 Select and wear appropriate personal protective equipment and protective clothing 1.5 Access, interpret and apply mine environment, geological and survey data required to complete the allocated 1.6 Obtain and interpret emergency procedures and be prepared for fire/accident/emergency
2. Shear and load	2.1 Communicate and coordinate activities with others throughout

coal	the work activity 2.2 Carry out pre-start, start-up, park-up, shutdown, isolation and secure equipment procedures 2.3 Operate shearer to shear and load coal 2.4 Cut longwall face to sequence and site conditions, maintaining horizon and quality control in accordance with extraction plan 2.5 Monitor systems and alarms and rectify or report factors adversely affecting production 2.6 Continually monitor hazards and risks, and ensure safety of self, other personnel, plant and equipment
3. Carry out operator maintenance	3.1 Prepare machine/equipment for maintenance 3.2 Conduct inspection and fault finding 3.3 Carry out scheduled maintenance tasks 3.4 Carry out housekeeping activities 3.5 Process written maintenance records

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit. Further information is available in the Resources and Infrastructure Industry Training Package Companion Volume.

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for RIIMCU306D Conduct shearer operations

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Performance Evidence

vidence is required to be collected that demonstrates a candidate's competency in this unit. Evidence must be relevant to the roles within this sector's work operations and satisfy all of the requirements of the performance criteria of this unit and include evidence that the candidate:

- locates and applies relevant documentation, policies and procedures
- implements the requirements, procedures and techniques for the safe, effective and efficient completion of shearer operations including:
 - reading, interpreting, applying and communicating technical information
 - identifying, addressing and reporting environmental issues, potential hazards and risks
 - selecting and using relevant tools and equipment
 - complying with environmental requirements and constraints
 - identifying work requirements
 - applying diagnostic and fault finding techniques
 - applying hand-eye coordination
 - interpreting mine survey and geological data
 - maintaining equipment records
- works effectively with others to undertake and complete shearer operations in a way that meets all of the required outcomes including:
 - organising work activities to meet all task requirements
 - communicating clearly and concisely with others to receive and clarify work instructions
 - complying with written and verbal reporting requirements and procedures
 - resolving coordination requirements throughout work activities
- demonstrates completion of conducting shearer operations that safely, effectively and efficiently meets all of the required outcomes on more than one (1) occasion including:

- operating shearer to shear and load coal including;
 - confirming work requirements details such as;
 - equipment, including any defects
 - cutting height
 - next cutting sequence
 - achievement targets
 - essential survey data
 - geological conditions
 - hazards
 - potential hazards
 - coordination requirements/issues, and
 - completing coordination with others involved, such as;
 - support personnel and chocks
 - pantech
 - armoured face conveyors
 - breaker stage loader
 - panel belt

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of conducting shearer operations through:

- shearer equipment characteristics and limitations
- understanding mine ventilation systems
- being prepared for fire/accident/emergency

Assessment Conditions

- An assessor of this unit must satisfy the requirements of the NVR/AQTF or their successors; and Industry regulations for certification and licensing; and,
- this unit must be assessed in the context of this sector's work environment; and,
- this unit must be assessed in compliance with relevant legislation/regulation and using policies, procedures, processes and operational manuals directly related to the industry sector for which it is being assessed; and,
- assessment may be conducted in conjunction with the assessment of other Units of Competency; and,
- assessment must confirm consistent performance can be applied in a range of relevant workplace circumstances; and,
- assessors must demonstrate the performance evidence, and knowledge evidence as outlined in this Unit of Competency, and through the minimum years of current* work experience specified below in an Industry sector relevant to the outcomes of the unit; or,

- where the assessor does not meet experience requirements a co-assessment or partnership arrangement must exist between the qualified assessor and an Industry subject matter expert. The Industry subject matter expert should hold the unit being assessed (or an equivalent unit) and/or demonstrate equivalence of skills and knowledge at the unit level. An Industry technical expert must also demonstrate skills and knowledge from the minimum years of current work experience specified below in the Industry sector, including time spent in roles related to the unit being assessed; and,
- assessor and Industry subject matter expert requirements differ depending on the Australian Qualifications Framework Level (AQF) of the qualification being assessed and/or Industry Sector as follows:

Industry sector	AQF** Level	Required assessor or Industry subject matter expert experience
Drilling, Metalliferous Mining, Coal Mining, Extractive (Quarrying) and Civil Construction	1	1 Year
	2	2 Years
Drilling, Coal Mining and Extractive (Quarrying)	3-6	3 Years
Metalliferous Mining and Civil Construction	3-6	5 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.	

*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 frequent site assessments across various locations.

**Where a unit is being delivered outside of a Qualification the first numeric character in the Unit code should be considered to indicate the AQF level

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