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RIIPBE308D Conduct thickening and clarifying process

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2	Required frequency and volume of evidence amended in Performance evidence. Substantial amendments made in Assessment Conditions field, including: references to Industry Sectors, assessor and subject matter expert experience requirements, how assessment should be conducted and what it should confirm.

Application

This unit describes a participant's skills and knowledge required to conduct thickening and clarifying process in Metalliferous and 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 application of the unit.

Unit Sector

Coal mining

Metalliferous mining

Elements and Performance Criteria

1. Plan and prepare for thickening and clarifying process	1.1. Access, interpret and apply thickening and clarifying process documentation and ensure the work activity is compliant 1.2. Obtain, read, interpret clarify and confirm work requirements 1.3. Coordinate and communicate with other personnel using approved communication methods 1.4. Select and wear personal protective equipment appropriate for work activities 1.5. Select appropriate type of auxiliary equipment for work activities 1.6. Perform equipment pre-start checks to ensure equipment is ready for operation
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	1.7. Identify and address potential risks, hazards and environmental issues, and implement control measures 1.8. Obtain and interpret emergency procedures, and be prepared for fire/accident/emergency 1.9. Use dust suppression and extraction methods 1.10. Ensure area is well ventilated
2. Start-up equipment in sequence	2.1. Carry out start-up procedures and complete start-up checks according to plant configurations and system requirements 2.2. Confirm plant is operational
3. Operate and monitor equipment	3.1. Read and interpret data from equipment indicators to determine torque, bed characteristics, flow characteristics and reagent dosage 3.2. Continuously inspect plant 3.3. Control discharge of underflow/overflow agents to agreed operating parameters 3.4. Direct underflow/overflow to alternate location according to work specifications 3.5. Monitor performance of thickener to meet agreed operating parameters 3.6. Complete all required written documentation concisely and on time 3.7. Pass on shift changeover details to oncoming shift
4. Shutdown in sequence and/or isolate equipment	4.1. Shutdown and/or isolate equipment based on process and safety requirements 4.2. Perform post-shutdown and/or isolation checks 4.3. Restore plant to service
5. Conduct housekeeping activities	5.1. Clear work area and dispose of or recycle materials 5.2. Clean and maintain condition of equipment, ensure suitability for use, and address/report issues 5.3. Process 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 RIIPBE308D Conduct thickening and clarifying process

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Performance Evidence

Evidence 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 thickening and clarifying processes including:
 - conducting start up, shut down and/or isolation of equipment in sequence
 - operating and monitoring equipment
 - carrying out minor maintenance
 - conducting housekeeping activities
 - diagnosing faults, reporting defects and identifying repair requirements
 - applying lifting techniques (manual, automated)
- works effectively with others to undertake and complete the thickening and clarifying processes in a way that meets all of the required outcomes including:
 - using a range of communications techniques and equipment to convey information to others
 - maintaining written and verbal reporting requirements and procedures
 - organising work activities to meet all task requirements
 - communicating clearly and concisely with others to receive and clarify work instructions
- demonstrates completion of thickening and clarifying processes that safely, effectively and efficiently meets all of the required outcomes on more than one (1) occasion including:

- identifying and interpreting data from equipment **indicators** to determine torque, bed characteristics, flow characteristics and reagent dosage
- continuously inspect **plant**
- controlling discharge of underflow/overflow agents to agreed operating parameters
- directing underflow/overflow to alternate location according to work specifications
- monitoring performance of thickener to meet agreed operating parameters

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of conduct thickening and clarifying process through:

- accessing, interpreting and applying organisation and site requirements and procedures for:
 - WHS, site safety and emergency requirements
 - environmental principles/procedures
 - equipment safety requirements
 - hazardous substance procedures and consequences of spills
 - operational procedures and checks
 - site procedures
 - isolation procedures
 - accurate record maintenance
 - contaminant identification and treatment
 - reading and interpreting reports
- applying depressant principles
- monitoring equipment limitations and operating parameters
- interpreting metallurgical and technical data
- identifying reagent types
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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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