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RIIWHS401D Supervise work in confined spaces

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Modification History

Release	Comment
1	The unit replaces RIIOHS401A Supervise work in confined spaces.
2	Editorial corrections. Amended Application field.
3	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 supervise work in confined spaces in the Resources and Infrastructure Industries.

This unit is appropriate for those working in supervisory or technical specialist 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.

Note: The terms Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and Work Health and Safety (WHS) are equivalent and generally either can be used in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the National Model WHS Legislation has not been implemented RTOs are advised to contextualise the unit of competency by referring to the existing State/Territory OHS legislative requirements.

Elements and Performance Criteria

1 Prepare for work in the confined space	1.1 Access, interpret and apply confined space documentation and requirements and ensure the work activity is compliant 1.2 Access and interpret the site confined spaces safety management program 1.3 Determine tasks and develop a written Safe Operating Procedures for work to be carried out 1.4 Identify and implement communications system and equipment
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	1.5 Select and wear personal protective equipment 1.6 Identify and obtain resources for implementation of the confined spaces safety management program 1.7 Prepare all required Permits
2 Provide information about working in confined spaces	2.1 Establish effective consultation mechanisms with all levels of the workforce 2.2 Consult with employees and employee representatives on implementation of the confined spaces safety management program 2.3 Identify and meet the communication needs of special groups 2.4 Provide information, instruction, training and supervision to employees
3 Ensure safety and health of others entering and working in a confined space	3.1 Identify relevant personnel or expertise for risk assessment, and initiate hazard identification and risk assessment process 3.2 Identify and prepare a written record of hazards 3.3 Assess risks and determine probability and likelihood 3.4 Identify and implement effective control measures according to the Hierarchy of Controls 3.5 Develop a confined space checklist for the Confined Space Entry Permit 3.6 Ensure atmospheric monitoring instruments available, installed, calibrated and used correctly 3.7 Keep written records of hazard and risk assessment processes and outcomes, and the controls put in place
4 Supervise entry and work in a confined space	4.1 Allocate resources to confined space personnel for effective, safe performance of designated work 4.2 Ensure all personnel read, understand and sign all required permits 4.3 Clearly and concisely communicate the work activities to personnel, clarify any questions, and ensure all personnel are clear on their work activities and responsibilities 4.4 Brief and post confined space observers and sentries 4.5 Check that required personal protective equipment is suitable and worn correctly 4.6 Ensure communications systems are installed, maintained and in working order 4.7 Monitor and evaluate the continued effectiveness of risk assessment processes and controls

	4.8 Test and maintain controls 4.9 Ensure work activities complies to procedures
5 Implement confined space emergency and rescue systems	5.1 Select emergency rescue equipment appropriate for the confined space activities 5.2 Identify and liaise with external Emergency Services agencies 5.3 Implement site approved emergency procedures 5.4 Ensure personnel are trained in emergency procedures 5.5 Keep and maintain emergency procedure training records
6 Withdraw from confined space and facilitate return to service	6.1 Ensure that work is completed to site requirements and all work-related materials and equipment removed 6.2 Ensure all Permits are cleared and systems isolation devices removed 6.3 Ensure all personnel sign off the Confined Space Entry Permit 6.4 Advise appropriate personnel that the confined space is clear for return to service 6.5 Review the confined space safety management program

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

RIIOHS401A Supervise work in confined spaces

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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