



Australian Government

SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming

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Modification History

Release	Comments
5	All superseded imported units have been replaced with the most current unit.
4	Supersedes and is equivalent to SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming release 3. Minor change to update First Aid units of competency.
3	<p>SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming supersedes and is equivalent to Release 2. SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming.</p> <p>Modifications include removal of unused units of competency in response to Skills Reform Ministerial Statement – 9 October 2020.</p> <p>Elective units removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIFXADQ002 Conduct internal quality audits • SIFXADQ003 Monitor contracted services and supplies • SIFXMPR005 Develop marketing strategies and activities
2	<p>SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming supersedes and is equivalent to Release 1. SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming.</p> <p>Imported units from the following training packages updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLT Health
1	This qualification was first released in SIF Funeral Services Release 2.0.

Qualification Description

This qualification reflects the role of individuals who perform a range of specialised embalming procedures in a mortuary or funeral home mortuary.

Individuals in this role work relatively autonomously and may have limited responsibility for the coordination, training and supervision of others.

Embalmers require theoretical knowledge in anatomy, physiology, chemistry and biology as well as specialist technical skills to sanitise, present and preserve a deceased person of predictable and unpredictable causes as part of the embalming process.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication, however, the following requirement applies to the embalming of bodies in NSW:

Under a NSW public health regulation relating to the disposal of bodies, a person must not embalm a body unless that person has a certificate of proficiency of, or equivalent to, a Certificate IV [Embalming] standard issued by an institute approved by the Director-General of the NSW Department of Health. Candidates in NSW should seek advice from the NSW Department of Health for a current list of approved providers.

The volume of learning of a Certificate IV is typically 0.5 – 2 years.

Entry Requirements

This qualification has no entry requirements.

Packaging Rules

22 units must be completed:

- **19 core units**
- **3 elective units** consisting of:
 - a minimum of 2 elective units must be selected from the elective units listed below
 - a maximum of 1 elective unit, first packaged at AQF level 3, 4 or 5, may be selected from elsewhere in SIF Funeral Services Training Package, or any other current Training Package or accredited course. Refer to the AQF packaging of Funeral Services units in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

In all cases, selection of electives must be guided by the job outcome, local industry requirements and the characteristics of this qualification (as per the AQF descriptors).

Core units	
SIFEMWK001	Encoffin deceased persons
SIFEMWK005	Cleanse and disinfect deceased persons

SIFEMWK006	Set facial features
SIFEMWK007	Treat abdominal and thoracic cavities
SIFEMWK008	Dress the deceased and apply cosmetics
SIFEMWK009	Apply anatomy and physiology principles to embalming
SIFEMWK010	Restore minor body damage
SIFEMWK011	Treat the head and body after autopsies
SIFEMWK012	Restore and set eyes after eye donations
SIFEMWK013	Determine embalming requirements
SIFEMWK014	Perform arterial embalming of natural cases
SIFEMWK015	Perform arterial embalming of autopsied cases
SIFEMWK016	Treat complex ante mortem cases
SIFEMWK017	Treat complex post mortem cases
SIFEMWK018	Supervise mortuary operations
SIFEWHS001	Follow mortuary work health and safety procedures
SIFXIND002	Work effectively in the funeral services industry
SIFXIND003	Deal with grief responses
SIFXWHS004	Implement and monitor infection and contamination control practices
Elective units	
<i>Administration and Quality</i>	
SIFXADQ001	Control and order goods
<i>Industry</i>	
SIFXIND004	Participate in industry networks

<i>Management and Leadership</i>	
SIFXMGT001	Coordinate teams
SIFXMGT003	Supervise staff
<i>Marketing and Public Relations</i>	
SIFXMPR002	Make presentations to community groups
SIFXMPR003	Prepare and conduct tours
<i>Mortuary Work and Embalming</i>	
SIFEMWK004	Coordinate mortuary operations
SIFEMWK019	Design a mortuary
<i>Training and Education</i>	
TAEDEL311	Provide work skill instruction
<i>Work Health and Safety</i>	
HLTAID011	Provide first aid
SIFEWHS002	Review and develop mortuary work health and safety policies and procedures

Pre-requisite Requirements

There are no prerequisites requirements for this qualification

Qualification Mapping Information

Current Code and Title	Previous Code and Title	Comments	Equivalence
SIF40213 Certificate IV in Embalming	SIF40208 Certificate IV in Embalming	E Revised qualification builds on specialist skills. The total number of units required to complete this qualification has	Equivalent

		increased from 20 to 22. The number of core units has increased from 17 to 19. The number of elective units remains at 3. R 5 All superseded imported units have been replaced with the most current unit.	
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Links

Companion volumes, including implementation guides, are found in TGA -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c2c3131e-4418-4aa3-8ff1-a855c95f7fd6>