



Australian Government

SIFCBCR001 Bury coffins and caskets

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to bury coffins and caskets using appropriate lowering or lifting devices and equipment. It applies to cemetery and funeral home staff whose responsibilities include burying coffins and caskets according to client requirements, work health and safety, relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Competency Field

Burial and Cremation Operations

Unit Sector

Cemetery and Crematoria

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Prepare for burials.

2. Consign coffin or casket to burial location.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

1.1 Identify work requirements for burial.

1.2 Liaise with team members as required to establish sequencing of tasks and responsibilities of team members.

2.1 Transport coffin or casket to burial location.

2.2 Place coffin or casket into position using appropriate lowering or lifting device.

2.3 Conduct burial according to client

requirements.

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

SIFBCR004A Bury coffins and caskets.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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

Assessment Requirements for SIFBCR001 Bury coffins and caskets

Modification History

The details of this endorsed unit are in the table below. The latest information is at the top.

Release	Comments
Two	Editorial correction to formatting of Performance Evidence.
One	Reflects the Standards for Training Packages.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- select, prepare and safely use, the required equipment and lifting devices
- bury coffins and caskets safely and efficiently according to work requirements and client guidelines
- use safe manual handling techniques when handling coffins and caskets.

Evidence of performance of burying coffins and caskets on two or more occasions is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- burial procedures
- considerations when planning for burying coffins and caskets, including:
 - time of burial
 - location of burial:
 - monumental cemeteries
 - lawn cemeteries
 - mausoleum crypts
 - memorial gardens
 - cemeteries with historical or cultural significance
 - at sea
 - transport requirements
 - client requirements

- required staff
- social, religious and cultural practices and traditions in relation to burials:
 - funeral rites according to religious denomination
 - cultural rituals to assist grieving
 - spiritual symbolism
 - burial procedures
 - time required between death and burial
 - taboos regarding death
- professional funeral services industry parameters in dealing with the bereaved
- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations relating to work health and safety/occupational health and safety and the conduct of burials
- workplace policies and procedures regarding the conduct of burials
- operating requirements of relevant lifting devices and equipment:
 - lowering straps
 - mats
 - scissor lift
 - protective restraints
- manual handling techniques in relation to handling and burying coffins and caskets.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that is as industry realistic as possible. In a simulated environment, it is essential that assessment is conducted:

- using suitable facilities, equipment and resources, including:
 - an environment where demonstration of skills for a range of burial requirements can be performed, including transportation of coffins or caskets from funeral service facilities to burial locations
 - coffins or caskets, funeral transport vehicles and lowering and lifting devices
- under industry conditions where there is:
 - integration of tasks with possible interruptions to work typical of the job role
 - speed and timing requirements that reflect commercial operating conditions
 - interaction with team members

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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