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# **SIFCBCR002 Backfill and make good graves**

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## Modification History

Not applicable.

## Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to backfill graves and make good gravesites following burials or grave re-openings. It applies to cemetery and crematorium staff involved in burial works under supervision as part of a team. Work is carried out according to 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 to backfill and make good a grave.

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

- 1.1 Determine work requirements for burial work.
- 1.2 Locate appropriate lined or unlined gravesite.
- 1.3 Assemble work team and required tools, equipment and machinery according to work requirements.
- 1.4 Prepare and use personal protective equipment.
- 1.5 Liaise with manager, or funeral director as required, for indication to proceed with work.
- 1.6 Place protective restraints to allow access by authorised personnel while work is in progress.
- 1.7 Identify safety hazards and implement corrective action.
- 1.8 Remove mats, floral tributes, lowering devices and planks.

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| 2. Backfill a grave following a burial or grave re-opening.  | 2.1 Backfill burial hole, consolidating soil as backfilling progresses. |
|                                                              | 2.2 Remove shoring devices where applicable as each level is reached.   |
|                                                              | 2.3 Complete grave fill according to work requirements.                 |
| 3. Make good a grave following a burial or grave re-opening. | 3.1 Replace turf on lawn or graves.                                     |
|                                                              | 3.2 Arrange placement of monumentation as required.                     |
|                                                              | 3.3 Clean and make good gravesite and replace tributes.                 |
|                                                              | 3.4 Clean and make good adjacent gravesites and surrounds.              |
|                                                              | 3.5 Remove, clean and store tools, equipment and machinery.             |

## 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

SIFBCR018A Backfill and make good graves.

## 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 SIFCBCR002 Backfill and make good graves

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Not applicable.

## Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- select, prepare, use, maintain and clean the required tools and equipment according to supervisor instructions, workplace policies and procedures, and manufacturer guidelines
- apply hazard identifications, risk assessments and controls to ensure safety of self and others
- apply safe use of shoring devices during backfill operations and ensure that the site is marked and well presented on conclusion of the work.

Evidence of performance of backfilling and making good graves on two or more occasions is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

## Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- considerations when determining burial work requirements, including:
  - social, cultural and religious requirements:
    - burial procedures
    - time between death and burial
    - time between burial and closure of graves
    - placing of tributes and special personal effects
  - work team
  - tools, equipment and machinery
  - personal protective equipment
  - protective restraints
- tools and equipment used for backfilling to ensure good graves, and their associated uses
- machinery in relation to backfilling to ensure good graves, including:
  - backhoe
  - front-end loader
  - skid steer loader
  - excavator
  - tractor

- truck
- backfilling techniques to ensure good graves
- safe operating procedures for relevant tools, equipment and machinery
- protective restraints, including:
  - sheeting
  - barricades
  - temporary fencing
  - reinforced covers
- safety hazards associated with backfilling to ensure good graves
- concepts and techniques for shoring, including devices used:
  - spreaders
  - boards
  - hydraulic braces
  - stabilisers
- workplace policies and procedures in relation to gravedigging
- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations relating to work health and safety/occupational health and safety, working in confined spaces and gravedigging
- environmental impacts in relation to gravedigging and minimal impact practices to reduce these, especially those that relate to resource, water and energy use
- environmentally sound disposal methods for all types of waste and in particular for hazardous substance.

## 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 with a range of backfilling requirements
  - tools, equipment and machinery
  - documentation, including cemetery map or plan and range of job requirements and relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures
- 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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