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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- select, prepare, use, maintain and clean the required tools and equipment
- identify gravesite locations and assess safe excavation and shoring requirements for re-opening and manual gravedigging
- apply shoring method according to work requirements
- apply constant monitoring of excavation for grave collapse and take immediate corrective actions during manual gravedigging.

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

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation and regulations relating to work health and safety/occupational health and safety and gravedigging
- workplace policies and procedures to maintain safety requirements
- personal protective clothing and equipment used for gravedigging
- use and safe operation of tools and equipment used for gravedigging
- graver shoring methods and requirements, including:
 - required depth of grave
 - required depth of excavation for re-opening
 - techniques to deal with soil types and conditions:
 - sand
 - clay
 - rock
 - length of time soil exposed
 - breakdown of cohesive strength of soil
 - soil fretting
 - soil compaction
 - tension cracks
- soil types and conditions relevant to shoring requirements
- use of protective barriers

- grave collapse warning signs, including:
 - fretting from top edge
 - slump in surface near excavation
 - tension cracks
 - support timbers bowing or creaking.
- corrective or emergency actions in relation to grave collapse
- risk assessment procedures
- 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 that allows for the digging of graves to accommodate required dimensions of coffins or caskets and application of appropriate shoring methods
 - gravedigging tools and personal protective equipment, grave supports, lowering devices and protective restraints
 - documentation, including cemetery map or plan
- 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.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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