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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- liaise with appropriate personnel to identify burial locations and safe exhumation methods
- select, prepare, use, maintain and clean the required tools, equipment and machinery according to supervisor instructions, workplace policies and procedures, and manufacturer guidelines
- apply safe and efficient exhumation of remains using infection control procedures
- lift and reposition or deepen human remains, and reinstate good presentation of burial sites at conclusion of exhumation.

Evidence of performance of exhuming burial sites 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, conduct of exhumations, and storage and handling of human remains
- workplace policies and procedures relating to performing exhumations
- appropriate care, use and maintenance of relevant tools, equipment and machinery, including protective restraints
- universal precautions, including:
 - use of personal protective equipment
 - presumption that all blood and body fluids are infectious
 - covering exposed cuts and abrasions, particularly on workers' hands, with waterproof coverings prior to commencing work
 - immediate treatment of puncture wounds or abrasions
 - use of protective clothing when cleaning spillage of body fluids
- 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 substances.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in a cemetery workplace or other burial environment:

- using suitable equipment and resources, including:
 - protective restraints and appropriate casings for human remains and relevant tools, equipment and machinery, including personal protective equipment
- 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 and relevant personnel

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>