



Australian Government

SIFCBCR010 Exhume burial sites

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Modification History

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

Release	Comments
2	Editorial correction to prerequisite code.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to exhume above and below ground burial sites and to lift and reposition or deepen human remains to accommodate additional burials under supervision. It applies to cemetery and crematorium gravedigging staff and funeral directors. It requires liaison with a variety of personnel dependent on the context in which exhumation is performed. The application of universal precautions to prevent contamination or infection is required when exhuming or lifting and deepening or repositioning human remains. Work is performed 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.

Pre-requisite Unit

SIFCWHS001 Identify hazards and assess risks in a cemetery or crematorium

SIFCWHS002 Work in confined spaces

Competency Field

Burial and Cremation Operations

Unit Sector

Cemetery and Crematoria

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

1. Perform exhumation.
 - 1.1 Liaise with manager or leading hand to identify work requirements and own areas of responsibility in performing exhumation.
 - 1.2 Identify and prepare tools, equipment and machinery according to work requirements.
 - 1.3 Place protective restraints to restrict site access to authorised personnel.
 - 1.4 Apply universal precautions to minimise risk of infection from contaminants.
 - 1.5 Inspect and confirm nameplate as required.
 - 1.6 Perform exhumation according to supervisor instructions.
 - 1.7 Enclose remains of deceased person and coffin or casket in appropriate casing.
2. Lift and reposition or deepen human remains.
 - 2.1 Identify storage requirements.
 - 2.2 Remove adjacent monuments as required and reassess further digging with appropriate personnel.
 - 2.3 Dig to required or anticipated depth according to safety requirements.
 - 2.4 Remove coffin or casket and transfer or store remains according to supervisor instructions.
3. Clean site.
 - 3.1 Liaise with appropriate personnel to determine clean up requirements.
 - 3.2 Store and maintain 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

SIFBCR025A Exhume a burial site.

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 SIFBCR010 Exhume burial sites

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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.

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