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Modification History

Not applicable.

Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- access and interpret relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures related to working in confined spaces
- complete safe entry, exit and work in a range of confined spaces.

Evidence of performance of working in confined spaces on five or more different confined space projects 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 work health and safety/occupational health and safety legislation and regulations relating to working in confined spaces
- workplace policies and procedures in relation to working in confined spaces and emergency procedures
- responsibilities and authorities for site isolation and site control:
 - entry permits, including allocated entry time to confined space
 - work permits:
 - location of work
 - duration of work
 - size of work crew
 - atmospheric testing requirements
 - use of personal protective equipment
 - hot work
 - stand-by personnel
 - rescue arrangements
 - rescue equipment
 - signs and barriers
- concept of, and areas classified as confined spaces in cemeteries and crematoria, including:
 - boiler furnace

- grave
- tank
- pit
- pipe
- container
- crypt
- vault
- duct
- well
- receptacle that:
 - contains or has contained harmful substances, or that is capable of producing them
 - contains or has contained (or made of or lined or coated with) substances capable of reducing amount of oxygen present to a dangerous level.
- features of tools and equipment used in confined spaces, including:
 - harness and lifeline
 - respirator apparatus
 - atmospheric testing equipment
 - signs
 - barricades
 - communication devices
 - specific tools and equipment relevant to work to be performed
- environmental impacts in relation to confined spaces 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 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:
 - in a facility with confined space work areas
 - tools and equipment, personal protective equipment and emergency rescue equipment
 - work instructions and entry permits
- 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 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>