



Australian Government

SIFXCSS002 Advise on funeral and burial products and services

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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to advise on, and finalise the selection of appropriate funeral and burial products and services for a deceased person's family at the time of need. The unit applies to funeral home and cemetery and crematorium staff who work autonomously with limited supervision in a customer service role, and whose 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.

Competency Field

Client Service and Sales

Unit Sector

Cross-Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

1. Identify needs of client.

2. Respond to client needs.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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

1.1 Identify client needs through consultation.

1.2 Provide clients with information about the range of products and services available.

1.3 Locate information from other sources or refer clients to supervisor, where information is not immediately available.

2.1 Match products or services to client needs.

2.2 Provide product or service information to clients.

2.3 Assess client needs and provide options and suggestions for personalising available products and services.

2.4 Provide information on financial costs and available

financing arrangements.

3. Finalise client selection of funeral products and services.
 - 3.1 Confirm client decision.
 - 3.2 Identify and access relevant documentation and agreements.
 - 3.3 Complete documentation according to workplace policies and procedures.
 - 3.4 Process financing and non-cash transactions according to relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures.
 - 3.5 Check cash transactions and tender change as required.
 - 3.6 Prepare and issue receipts and relevant documents to client.
 - 3.7 File and store documentation according to workplace policies and procedures.

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

SIFSL001A Sell funeral and burial products and services.

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 SIFXCSS002 Advise on funeral and burial products and services

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Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to:

- interpret client requirements
- apply product knowledge to provide options and suggestions to meet client needs
- complete financial arrangements according to relevant legislation, including processing cash and non-cash transactions.

Evidence of performance providing advice to two or more different clients is required to demonstrate consistency of performance and ability to respond to different situations.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge of:

- communication techniques used in consulting with clients on products and services, including:
 - active questioning
 - active listening
 - negotiation skills
 - appropriate choice and use of language
 - non-verbal communication
- range, benefits and features of funeral products and services, including support service options, price, materials and differences between products, including:
 - funeral arrangements
 - embalming arrangements
 - cremation arrangements
 - burial arrangements
 - coffins or caskets
 - coffin or casket accessories
 - burial plots
 - mausoleum crypts
 - headstones
 - grave markers
 - urns

- nameplates
- alternative information sources to expand on product knowledge, including:
 - past and present staff members
 - relevant industry associations
 - books, magazines, newspapers and other references
 - internet
- basic principles and techniques for each stage of the sales process
- federal, state or territory, and local government legislation, regulations and codes of practice that may impact on the sale of funeral products and services, including:
 - Australian Consumer Law (ACL)
 - Funerals (Pre-paid Money) Act
 - Consumer Credit Code
 - Privacy Acts financial institution requirements, including:
 - finance approval and processing procedures
 - credit card approval and processing procedures
 - cheque acceptance procedures
- workplace policies and procedures in relation to client and sales services, including financing and financial transaction procedures
- social, religious and cultural differences and traditions that impact on advising on funeral and burial products and services
- professional funeral services industry parameters and protocols when dealing with the bereaved.

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 where consultations relating to funeral and burial services can be conducted
 - communication technologies and computers
 - documentation, including product information and workplace pricing and financing options
- 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 clients with varying requirements and requests

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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