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TLIC3052A Assist with shunting, coupling and uncoupling electric passenger trains

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

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This unit involves the skills and knowledge required to assist a train driver to shunt, couple and uncouple an electric passenger train to operational requirements in accordance with safeworking and regulatory requirements and workplace procedures. This includes assisting with planning and preparing for shunting operations, shunting the train, coupling and uncoupling the train, and using a coupling adaptor. Licensing or certification requirements are not applicable to this unit.

Application of the Unit

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Persons achieving competence in this unit will need to fulfil the applicable legislated rail safety requirements including state and territory acts and regulations together with any nationally approved compliance codes and/or guidelines.

Work is performed with minimal supervision, generally within a team environment. It involves the application of routine operational principles and procedures to shunting, coupling and uncoupling electric passenger trains to operational requirements as part of workplace activities across a variety of operational contexts within the Australian rail system.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Refer to Unit Descriptor

Pre-Requisites

Not Applicable

Employability Skills Information

Employability Skills

This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

Performance criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
1 Plan and prepare for shunting operation	1.1 Shunting requirements are confirmed through workplace documents and/or relevant personnel 1.2 Local safety requirements are identified and performed according to workplace procedures 1.3 Relevant OH&S requirements are followed to prevent injury and damage
2 Assist with shunting of trains	2.1 Where required, points, levers, and/or switches are operated in accordance with workplace requirements 2.2 Audible signals, hand signals and other line of sight communications are used to assist the control of train movements 2.3 Hand, light and radio shunting commands used are responded to in accordance with workplace requirements 2.4 Pre-movement inspection/tests are carried out prior to moving trains
3 Assist with coupling of trains	3.1 Type of connections required are identified prior to coupling 3.2 When trains to be coupled are positioned according to operating procedures and workplace requirements, ensure couplers are aligned and in the appropriate position for type of connection required 3.3 Ensure all safety requirements are met prior to coupling trains 3.4 After trains are coupled, post-coupling inspection/tests are carried out according to operating procedures and workplace requirements
4 Assist with uncoupling of trains	4.1 Train to be uncoupled is identified and checks are made to ensure all safety requirements are met prior to uncoupling 4.2 Train is uncoupled according to operating procedures and workplace requirements 4.3 Post-uncoupling inspection/tests are carried out according to operating procedures and workplace requirements
5 Use coupling adaptor	5.1 Situations requiring the use of a coupling adaptor are identified as per workplace procedures 5.2 Coupling adaptor is accessed and transported to required location for use 5.3 Ensure all safety requirements are met prior to fitting coupling adaptor 5.4 Coupling adaptor is attached to one of the trains prior to coupling according to workplace procedures 5.5 Trains are coupled in accordance with workplace procedures and coupling adaptor is secured in place 5.6 Post-coupling inspection/tests and/or procedures are carried out according to operating procedures and workplace requirements

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

This describes the essential knowledge and skills and their level required for this unit.

Required knowledge:

- Legislated rail safety requirements including acts and regulations from the applicable state together with any nationally approved compliance codes and/or guidelines
- Relevant OH&S and environmental procedures and regulations including codes of practice for manual handling
- Shunting procedures and requirements
- Coupling systems, their components and their operation
- Types of couplers and their purpose
- Types of coupling adaptors and their purpose
- Diagnostic techniques relating to shunting, coupling and uncoupling electric passenger trains
- Communication protocols
- Procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency

Required skills:

- Communicate effectively with others when shunting, coupling and uncoupling electric passenger trains
- Read and interpret instructions, procedures, information and signs relevant to shunting, coupling and uncoupling electric passenger trains
- Interpret and follow operational instructions and prioritise work
- Operate electronic communication equipment to required protocol
- Work collaboratively with others when shunting, coupling and uncoupling electric passenger trains
- Identify and assess electric passenger train defects and deficiencies and take appropriate action to report, isolate, repair or replace any identified defective equipment as per workplace procedures
- Promptly report and/or rectify any identified problems, faults or malfunctions when shunting, coupling and uncoupling electric passenger trains in accordance with regulatory requirements and workplace procedures
- Apply rail safety practices and regulations
- Implement contingency plans for unplanned events
- Apply precautions and required action to minimise, control or eliminate hazards that may exist during work activities
- Monitor work activities in terms of planned schedule

Required skills:

- Modify activities depending on differing operational contingencies, risk situations and environments
- Work systematically with required attention to detail without injury to self or others, or damage to goods or equipment
- Assess shunting, coupling and uncoupling defects
- Operate and adapt to differences in trains and related equipment in accordance with standard operating procedures
- Select and use required personal protective equipment conforming to industry and OH&S standards

Evidence Guide**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required knowledge and skills, the range statement and the assessment guidelines for this Training Package.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

- The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria of this unit and include demonstration of applying:
 - the underpinning knowledge and skills
 - relevant legislation and workplace procedures
 - other relevant aspects of the range statement
- Assessment must include exercises which demonstrate competent performance of the following in a range of situations:
 - carrying out pre-shunting checks correctly
 - assisting appropriately with the shunting of trains in a number of locations including sidings and depots/yards
 - assisting with coupling activities, including using coupling adaptor correctly

Context of and specific resources for assessment

- Performance is demonstrated consistently over a period of time and in a suitable range of contexts
- Resources for assessment include:
 - a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or other simulated practical and knowledge assessment, and/or
 - access to an appropriate range of relevant operational

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situations in the workplace

- In both real and simulated environments, access is required to:
 - relevant and appropriate materials and equipment, and
 - applicable documentation including workplace procedures, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals

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Method of assessment

- Assessment of this unit must be undertaken by a registered training organisation
- As a minimum, assessment of knowledge must be conducted through appropriate written/oral tests
- Practical assessment must occur:
 - through activities in an appropriately simulated environment, and/or
 - in an appropriate range of situations in the workplace

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance.

Operations may be conducted:

- by day or night
- in all weather conditions

Equipment may include:

- electric passenger train
- transition coupler
- emergency coupler
- coupling adaptor

OH&S requirements may include the use of:

- gloves
- sunscreen, sunglasses and safety glasses
- insect repellent
- safety footwear
- portable radios
- hand lamps
- flags
- high visibility clothing
- emergency warning devices
- portable signs and markers

Contingencies may include:

- derailments
- collisions
- breakdowns
- injuries and fatalities
- fires
- track damage
- powerline damage
- broken/missing equipment

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Contingency plans and contingencies may involve:

- emergency procedures manuals
- safeworking systems and requirements

Depending on the type of organisation concerned and the local terminology used, workplace procedures may include:

- company procedures
- enterprise procedures
- organisational procedures
- established procedures

Information/documents may include:

- noticeboards
- special train notices
- periodical circulars
- rules and operating procedures
- computer-based data systems
- timetables
- train consist
- incident reports
- train register book
- emergency procedures manual
- conditions of service, legislation and industrial agreements including workplace agreements and awards

Applicable regulations, legislation and codes may include:

- relevant state/territory codes of practice and safeworking system requirements
- relevant state/territory OH&S legislation
- relevant state/territory fatigue management regulations
- relevant state/territory environmental protection legislation
- relevant Australian Standards

Unit Sector(s)

Not Applicable

Competency Field

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C - Vehicle Operation