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Typographic error in prerequisite option requirements fixed.

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the UEE Electrotechnology Training Package.

Application

This unit involves the skills and knowledge required to conduct periodic maintenance of remote area power supply (RAPS) photovoltaic (PV) arrays where the exposed voltage is not greater than 50 volt (V) alternating current (a.c.) or 120 V direct current (d.c).

It includes preparing for, completing and reporting on maintenance of RAPS PV arrays.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

UEECD0007 Apply work health and safety regulations, codes and practices in the workplace

UEECD0019 Fabricate, assemble and dismantle utilities industry components

UEERE0019 Maintain safety and tidiness of remote area power supply systems

UEECD0051 Use drawings, diagrams, schedules, standards, codes and specifications

UEERE0023 Work safely with remote area power supply systems

and

UEECD0043 Solve problems in direct current circuits

or

UEECD0044 Solve problems in multiple path circuits

UEECD0046 Solve problems in single path circuits

Competency Field

Renewable Energy

Unit Sector

Electrotechnology

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

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

1 Prepare to conduct periodic maintenance on PV arrays

- 1.1** Work health and safety (WHS)/occupational health and safety (OHS) procedures for a RAPS plant are identified and applied in accordance with workplace procedures
- 1.2** Risk control measures are applied in accordance with workplace procedures prior to commencing work
- 1.3** Risks/hazards are identified, assessed, reported to relevant person/s and control measures implemented
- 1.4** Nature and location of RAPS system is identified from relevant documentation or from relevant person/s to determine the scope of work
- 1.5** Instructions for coordinating work with relevant personnel and the local community are obtained from relevant person/s and applied
- 1.6** Materials required for the work are identified and accessed in accordance with workplace procedures
- 1.7** Tools, equipment and testing devices required for work are obtained and checked for correct operation and safety

2 Maintain RAPS systems PV arrays

- 2.1** Workplace risk control measures and procedures are applied
- 2.2** Need to test or measure live electrical work is determined in accordance with WHS/OHS requirements and conducted in accordance with workplace procedures
- 2.3** Circuits/machines/plant are isolated in accordance with WHS/OHS requirements and workplace procedures
- 2.4** RAPS system PV arrays are tested in accordance with relevant workplace procedures
- 2.5** PV array maintenance, including performance

- measurements and repairs, is completed safely in accordance with workplace routines and procedures
- 2.6** Known types of PV array functional faults are identified using fault-finding procedures
- 2.7** Non-routine events are referred to relevant person/s for directions in accordance with workplace procedures
- 2.8** Maintenance and repair work are completed minimising waste of materials, energy, damage to apparatus, circuits, the surrounding environment and services
- 2.9** Quality checks are completed in accordance with workplace procedures
- 3 Complete maintenance work of PV arrays and report outcomes**
- 3.1** Workplace risk control measures and procedures are applied
- 3.2** Worksite is cleaned and made safe in accordance with workplace procedures
- 3.3** Maintenance issues are referred to the local community in accordance with workplace procedures
- 3.4** PV array performance measurements are reported to relevant person/s in accordance with maintenance reporting procedures

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Range is restricted to essential operating conditions and any other variables essential to the work environment.

Non-essential conditions may be found in the UEE Electrotechnology Training Package Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

- Maintaining RAPS PV arrays must include at least the following:
- two different systems where the PV array is charged from:
 - a generator set and a PV array
 - a wind generator

Exposed voltage is not greater than:

- 50 V a.c., or
- 120 V d.c

Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to UEENEEK105A Conduct periodic maintenance of remote area power supply photo voltaic arrays.

Links

Companion Volume Implementation Guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b8a8f136-5421-4ce1-92e0-2b50341431b6>

Assessment Requirements for UEERE0008 Conduct periodic maintenance of remote area power supply photovoltaic arrays

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Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements, performance criteria and range of conditions on at least one occasion and include:

- measuring and recording array no-load and load voltages together with ambient temperature
- measuring and recording array output for three load conditions
- visually inspecting array modules and support structure for physical damage
- visually inspecting array connections and cables
- identifying array defects and faults
- reporting all maintenance activities
- dealing with unplanned events
- applying relevant work health and safety (WHS)/occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements and workplace procedures and practices, including the use of risk control measures
- checking for damage or de-lamination
- checking isolation of circuits/machines/systems
- cleaning of photovoltaic (PV) modules
- coordinating work with relevant personnel and the local community
- determining live electrical work testing/measurement requirements
- identifying and accessing materials, tools, equipment and testing devices
- maintaining remote area power supply (RAPS) PV arrays, including maintaining logbooks and maintenance regime.

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all of the requirements of the elements, performance criteria and range of conditions and include knowledge of:

- RAPS systems PV array maintenance techniques encompassing:

- cleaning of PV modules
- checking for damage or de-lamination
- checking of module connections, connecting cable and integrity of the array structure
- maintaining logbooks and maintenance regime
- relevant RAPS system manufacturer specifications
- relevant job safety assessments or risk mitigation processes
- relevant WHS/OHS legislated requirements
- relevant workplace documentation, policies and procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must hold credentials specified within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must satisfy the Principles of Assessment and Rules of Evidence and all regulatory requirements included within the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

Assessment must occur in suitable workplace operational situations where it is appropriate to do so; where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in suitable simulated workplace operational situations that replicate workplace conditions.

Assessment processes and techniques must be appropriate to the language, literacy and numeracy requirements of the work being performed and the needs of the candidate.

Resources for assessment must include access to:

- a range of relevant exercises, case studies and/or other simulations
- relevant and appropriate materials, tools, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) currently used in industry
- resources that reflect current industry practice in relation to conducting periodic maintenance of RAPS PV array
- applicable documentation, including workplace procedures, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

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