



Australian Government

UEPOPS339 Operate and monitor a boiler unit

Release: 1

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Modification History

Release 1. This is the first release of this unit of competency in the UEP Generation Training Package.

Application

This unit involves the skills and knowledge required to operate and monitor an in-service boiler unit capable of supplying steam.

Boilers are used to create steam by applying heat to water, the steam expands and turns the turbines and these in turn drive the generators in power generation facilities.

Competency in this unit requires the ability to plan work, operate boiler unit plant, test boiler unit plant, analyse boiler unit plant faults, monitor and inspect boiler unit and complete all documentation. Individuals will, in general, work under supervision, in a power generation facility as an operator.

Power generation plant operators are typically trained and authorised to isolate, prepare plant and issue permits to work.

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

Note: Workplace practice

The application of the skills and knowledge described in this unit may require a licence or training permit to practice in the workplace where work is carried out on gas and electrical installations. Additional conditions may apply under state and territory legislative and regulatory licensing requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

There are no prerequisite units.

Competency Field

Operations

Unit Sector

Electricity generation

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 Plan and prepare work

- 1.1** Safety issues related to operating and monitoring boiler unit plant are identified, in accordance with workplace procedures and Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) regulations and legislative requirements
- 1.2** Work requirements are identified, in accordance with workplace procedures, from relevant personnel and documentation
- 1.3** Preoperational checks are carried out on boiler unit plant, in accordance with workplace procedures, manufacturers' recommendations and site requirements

2 Operate boiler unit plant

- 2.1** Combustion is established and fuel consumption at minimum levels is supported, in accordance with workplace procedures, manufacturers' recommendations and site requirements
- 2.2** Fuel and air feed flows are adjusted to achieve required steam conditions and demand, in accordance with workplace procedures, and observation of operating requirements
- 2.3** Boiler unit plant is operated within the limits of its' design, in accordance with workplace procedures and site requirements
- 2.4** Boiler unit plant is monitored and observed, in accordance with workplace procedures, to detect deviations from required operating conditions
- 2.5** Corrective actions are taken to rectify boiler unit abnormalities, in accordance with workplace procedures and manufacturers' recommendations

3 Test boiler unit plant operation

- 3.1** Operational tests are performed, in accordance with workplace procedures
- 3.2** Boiler unit plant is observed for correct operational response, in accordance with workplace procedures

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| | 3.3 | Corrective action is taken, in accordance with workplace procedures, when response does not meet with documentation, boiler unit plant integrity or personnel safety requirements |
| | 3.4 | Boiler unit plant is returned to required operational status upon completion of test, in accordance with workplace procedures |
| 4 Analyse boiler unit plant faults | 4.1 | Causes of abnormal boiler unit plant operating conditions are identified, in accordance with workplace procedures, and by analysing technical and operational information |
| | 4.2 | Corrective action is taken, in accordance with workplace procedures |
| | 4.3 | Boiler unit plant integrity and personnel safety is maintained, in accordance with workplace procedures, and in consultation with appropriate personnel and technical and operational documentation |
| | 4.4 | Appropriate personnel are notified when defects are detected, in accordance with workplace procedures |
| 5 Monitor boiler unit plant | 5.1 | Boiler unit plant to be monitored is identified, in accordance with workplace procedures |
| | 5.2 | Boiler unit plant is monitored for normal operation or to detect deviations, in accordance with workplace procedures |
| | 5.3 | Appropriate personnel are notified when defects are detected, in accordance with workplace procedures |
| 6 Complete documentation | 6.1 | Boiler unit plant problems, movements, abnormalities and status is reported, in accordance with workplace procedures |
| | 6.2 | Documentation is updated, in accordance with workplace 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 Companion Volume Implementation Guide.

Unit Mapping Information

This unit replaces and is equivalent to UEPOPS339B Operate and monitor a boiler unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=1715b9fa-e7bd-441c-bb8d-cf22c9c825a8>

Assessment Requirements for UEPOPS339 Operate and monitor a boiler unit

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Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence in this unit must be relevant to and satisfy all the requirements of the elements, performance criteria and range of conditions on at least two separate occasions and includes:

- analysing boiler unit plant faults using data analysis techniques and tools
- applying Work, Health and Safety (WHS)/Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements including:
 - emergency procedures
 - risk control measures
 - safe working practices
- communicating with personnel
- completing documentation using recording procedures
- identifying boiler unit plant status
- interpreting manufacturers' specifications and manuals
- operating boiler plant and equipment
- organising resources
- preparing and planning work
- recognising and responding to abnormal boiler unit plant operating conditions
- testing boiler unit plant operationally using diagnostic and test techniques
- utilising permit to work system
- working with boiler unit plant and/or equipment

Knowledge Evidence

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

- boiler unit plant and equipment, its location and operating parameters
- boiler unit plant operation processes
- boiler unit plant status
- legislation, industry standards, codes of practice and regulations
- manufacturers' specifications and manuals

- permit to work system
- typical arrangements of power production plant
- WHS/OHS legislated requirements including:
 - emergency procedures
 - risk control measures
 - safe working practices
- workplace documentation
- workplace policies and procedures

Assessment Conditions

As a minimum, assessors must satisfy applicable regulatory requirements, which include requirements in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations current at the time of assessment.

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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.

Assessment must occur in workplace operational situations. Where this is not appropriate, assessment must occur in simulated workplace operational situations that reflect workplace conditions.

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 currently used in industry
- applicable documentation including workplace procedures, industry standards, equipment specifications, regulations, codes of practice and operation manuals.

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