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UEPMNT422A Conduct Performance Testing on Process Plant and Equipment

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

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1)

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to conduct performance testing on generation plant equipment and processes to assess plant efficiency.

Application of the Unit

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3)

This unit is intended to augment formally acquired competencies. It is suitable for employment-based programs under an approved contract of training.

License to practise

3.1)

The skills and knowledge described in this unit do not require a licence to practise in the workplace. However, practice in this unit is subject to regulations directly related to Occupational Health and Safety and where applicable contracts of training such as apprenticeships and the like.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite Unit(s) 2)

Competencies 2.1)

There are no prerequisite units.

Employability Skills Information

Refer to the Evidence Guide

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

5) Elements describe the essential outcomes of a competency standard unit. 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 performance test	1.1 Request for work is received and appropriate method of testing is determined in accordance with statutory, industry and enterprise/site standards and procedures 1.2 Safety and plant issues are identified in accordance with enterprise/site procedures 1.3 Specialist assistance, supplementary functions and personnel are arranged as required 1.4 Tools and equipment are correctly identified and acquired 1.5 Test equipment is calibrated as specified in relevant standards or manufacturer's codes and procedures 1.6 Test procedure is determined and planned in accordance with the manufacturer's codes and

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
	procedures
	1.7 Plant is correctly identified and status prior to test is established from the appropriate personnel
	1.8 Authority to carry out work is obtained in accordance with plant operating conditions and load requirements
	1.9 Where appropriate, the teams and individuals roles and responsibilities within the team are identified and, where required, assist in the provision of the on-the-job training
2 Perform performance test and collect data	2.1 Plant co-ordinated to initial operating state ready for testing in accordance with statutory, industry and enterprise/site standards and procedures
	2.2 Tests and data collection are performed using appropriate techniques that ensure personnel safety and plant integrity
	2.3 Tests are carried out in accordance with statutory, industry and enterprise/site requirements
	2.4 Data is collected in accordance with statutory, industry and enterprise/site requirements
	2.5 Test results are evaluated to accurately assess performance of plant
	2.6 Plant availability is declared on completion of tests
3 Evaluate and analyse information	3.1 Plant efficiency is evaluated and analysed in accordance with data collected
	3.2 Plant performance is measured against required criteria, in accordance with statutory, industry and enterprise/site requirements
	3.3 Cause of abnormal plant performance is identified by analysing technical and operational information in a logical and sequential manner

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| 3 | Evaluate and analyse information | 3.1 | Plant efficiency is evaluated and analysed in accordance with data collected |
| | | 3.4 | Plant integrity is maintained through consultation with appropriate personnel and reference to plant technical and operational documentation |
| | | 3.5 | Test data obtained is critiqued and validated with reference to other information available and applicable test procedure documentation. |
| 4 | Complete documentation | 4.1 | Information and data is co-ordinated and formatted in accordance with enterprise/site requirements |
| | | 4.2 | Reports and documentation are produced in accordance with statutory, industry and enterprise/site requirements |
| | | 4.3 | Reports and documentation are presented in a manner to facilitate implementation of any defined recommendations |

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

6) This describes the Essential Skills and Knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Evidence shall show that knowledge has been acquired conducting performance testing on process plants and equipment.

The extent of the Essential Knowledge and Associated Skills required follows:

Evidence shall show that knowledge has been acquired for safe working practices of:

- Relevant Occupational Health and Safety regulations
- Relevant statutory legislation
- Relevant enterprise/site safety procedures
- Enterprise/site emergency procedures and techniques
- Plant status

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Plant operating parameters
- Environmental awareness
- Relevant plant and equipment
- Location of relevant plant and equipment
- Enterprise recording procedures
- Plant and plant systems
- Plant performance characteristics
- Unit computers
- Mechanical and electrical processes
- Communication principles
- Personnel computers
- Materials
- Monitoring procedures

Specific skills needed to achieve the Performance Criteria:

- Apply relevant Occupational Health and Safety regulations
- Apply relevant statutory legislation
- Apply relevant enterprise/site safety procedures
- Apply enterprise recording procedures
- Locate relevant plant and equipment
- Operate plant within design parameters
- Identify plant status
- Record, analyse and use data
- Apply problem solving techniques
- Communicate effectively
- Plan and prioritise work
- Write reports
- Apply data analysis techniques and tools
- Determine plant performance.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

8) This provides essential advice for assessment of the competency standard unit and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria and the Range Statement of unit and the Training Package Assessment Guidelines.

The Evidence Guide forms an integral part of this competency standard unit and shall be used in conjunction with all components parts of this unit and, performed in accordance with the Assessment Guidelines of this Training Package.

Overview of Assessment

8.1)

Longitude competency development approaches to assessment, such as Profiling, require data to be reliably gathered in a form that can be consistently interpreted over time. This approach is best utilised in Apprenticeship programs and reduces assessment intervention. It is the Industry's preferred model for apprenticeships. However, where summative (or final) assessment is used it is to include the application of the competency in the normal work environment or in a realistically simulated work environment. It is recognised that, in some circumstances, assessment in part or full can occur outside the workplace. However, it must be in accord with Industry and regulatory policy.

Methods chosen for a particular assessment will be influenced by various factors. These include the extent of the assessment, the most effective locations for the assessment activities to take place, access to physical resources, additional safety measures that may be required and the critical nature of the competencies being assessed.

The critical safety nature of working with electricity, electrical equipment, gas or any other hazardous substance/material carries risk in deeming a person competent. Hence, sources of evidence need to be 'rich' in nature so as to minimise error in judgment.

Activities associated with normal every day work have a bearing on the decision as to how much and how detailed the data gathered will contribute to its 'richness'. Some skills are more critical to safety and operational requirements while the same skills may be more or less frequently practiced. These points are raised for the assessors to consider when choosing an assessment method and developing assessment instruments. Sample assessment instruments are included in the

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Assessment Guidelines of this Training Package.

Critical aspects of evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

8.2)

Before the critical aspects of evidence are considered all prerequisites shall be met.

Evidence for competence in this unit shall be considered holistically. Each element and associated Performance Criteria shall be demonstrated on at least two occasions in accordance with the "Assessment Guidelines - UEP06". Evidence shall also comprise:

- A representative body of Performance Criteria demonstrated within the timeframes typically expected of the discipline, work function and industrial environment. In particular this shall incorporate evidence that shows a candidate is able to:

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- Implement OH&S workplace procedures and practices including the use of risk control measures as specified in the Performance Criteria and Range Statement
- Apply sustainable energy principles and practices as specified in the Performance Criteria and Range Statement
- Demonstrate an understanding of the essential knowledge and associated skills as described in 6) of this unit
- Demonstrate an appropriate level of skills enabling employment
- Conduct work observing the relevant Anti Discrimination legislation, regulations, policies and workplace procedures
- Demonstrated performance across a representative range of contexts from the prescribed items below:
 - The knowledge and application of relevant sections of: OH&S legislation; Statutory legislation; Enterprise/site safety procedures; Enterprise/site emergency procedures
 - Plant operating parameters
 - Plant performance characteristics
 - Mechanical and electrical processes
 - Dealing with an unplanned event by drawing on essential knowledge and skills to provide appropriate solutions incorporated in the holistic assessment with the above listed items.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

8.3)

This unit should be assessed as it relates to normal work practice using procedures, information and resources typical of a workplace. This should include:

- OHS policy and work procedures and instructions
- Suitable work environment, facilities, equipment and materials to undertake actual work as prescribed by this unit.

Competency Standards should be assessed in the workplace or simulated workplace and under the normal range of workplace conditions.

Assessment of this unit will be supported with documentary evidence, by means of endorsement stating type and application

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of work.

In addition to the resources listed above in Context of assessment', evidence should show competency working, in limited spaces, with different types of plant and equipment as well as different structural/construction types and methods and in a variety of environments.

Method of assessment**8.4)**

This unit shall be assessed by methods given in Volume 1, Part 3 Assessment Guidelines.

Note:

Competent performance with inherent safe working practices is expected in the Industry to which this unit applies. This requires that the specified essential knowledge and associated skills are assessed in a structured environment which is primarily intended for learning/assessment and incorporates all necessary equipment and facilities for learners to develop and demonstrate the essential knowledge and skills described in this unit.

Concurrent assessment and relationship with other units**8.5)**

There are no recommended concurrent assessments with this unit, however in some cases efficiencies may be gained in terms of learning and assessment effort being concurrently managed with allied competency standard units where listed.

Nil

Key competencies**8.6)**

Evidence that particular key competencies have been achieved within this unit is in the context of the following Performance Criteria of evidence. See Volume 2, Part 4 for an explanation of Key competencies and levels of this Training Package.

Key competencies	Example of Application	Performance Level
How are ideas and information communicated within this competency?	Refer to the following example of application: Explain ideas and actions, make suggestions for alternative actions and deal with contingencies and non-routine situations.	2

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How can information be collected, analysed and organised?	Refer to the following example of application: Information with regard to operations, faults and maintenance may be observed and monitored for analysis and organised into records and reports.	2
How are activities planned and organised?	Refer to the following example of application: Planning the required activity, to include co-ordination and use of equipment, materials and tools to avoid backtracking and rework.	2
How is team work used within this competency?	Refer to the following example of application: Co-ordinate activities of the team and provide appropriate support to other team members in completion of work tasks to meet the team's goals.	2
How are mathematical ideas and techniques used?	Refer to the following example of application: Calculation of time to complete routine projects, operations, tasks, estimation of distances, levels, loads and material requirements.	2
How are problem solving skills applied?	Refer to the following example of application: Determine solutions which focus on long and short-term resolution of work task problems.	2
How is use of technology applied?	Refer to the following example of application: Access, communicate, measure and provide information to monitor operations and performance of plant and equipment.	2

Skills Enabling Employment**8.7)**

Evidence that competency in this unit incorporates skills enabling employment is in the context of the following performance. See Volume 2, Part 5 for definitions and an explanation of skills enabling employment.

Skills for Employment		Example of Application
1	Developing and using skills within a real workplace	Refer to the following example of application: Completion of tasks within an acceptable timeframe and performance with some supervision.
2	Learning to learn in the workplace	Refer to the following example of application: Comprehension and application of theoretical knowledge to well-developed skills.
3	Reflecting on the outcome and process of work task	Refer to the following example of application: Focused on improvement in own and other team member's performance in the workplace.
4	Interacting and understanding of the context of the work task	Refer to the following example of application: Working understanding of the processes and systems which apply to the workplace.
5	Planning and organising the meaningful work task	Refer to the following example of application: Achieving work tasks in a timely manner and ensuring that the work team achieves its stated work goals.
6	Performing the work task in non-routine or contingent situations	Refer to the following example of application: Seek advice and apply solutions to problems relevant to the workplace environment.

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7) This relates to the competency standard unit as a whole providing the range of contexts and conditions to which the Performance Criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

Test equipment may include data loggers, calculators, vibration analysis, unit computers, personal computers, thermocouples, multimeters, flow meters, gas analysers, oscilloscopes and power factor meters.

Information and documentation sources may include verbal or written communications; enterprise safety rules documentation/form(s); equipment and alarm manuals; dedicated computer equipment; drawings, logic diagrams; testing procedures; plant records; plant failure reports; enterprise/site standing and operating instructions; enterprise/site log books; manufacturer's operation and maintenance manuals; and specialist's reports.

Specialist assistance may be sought such as: metallurgy, original equipment manufacturer personnel, chemical, operating and engineering staff.

Equipment that may be tested mills, fans, pumps, heat exchangers, fired and unfired pressure vessels; motors, transformers, switch gear; pneumatic, hydraulic and electronic control systems.

Documentation may include enterprise safety rules, Occupational Health and Safety legislation, environmental legislation, operating and maintenance manuals, plans and diagrams, standards or codes of practise.

Work site environment may be affected by nearby plant or processes, e.g. chemical, heat, noise and gas.

Generic terms are used throughout this Training Package for vocational standard shall be regarded as part of the Range Statement in which competency is demonstrated. The definition of these and other terms are given in Volume 2, Part 1.

Unit Sector(s)

Not Applicable

Literacy and numeracy skills

Literacy and numeracy skills 2.2)

Participants are best equipped to achieve this unit if they have reading, writing and numeracy skills indicated by the following scales. Description of each scale is given in Volume 2, Part 3 Literacy and Numeracy.

Reading 4 Writing 4 Numeracy 4

Competency Field

Competency Field 4)

Maintenance.