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UEPOPS328A Undertake Dam Safety Surveillance

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit Descriptor 1)

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to conduct ongoing surveillance of water storage facilities to ensure structural integrity and water quality is maintained.

Application of the Unit

Application of the Unit 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.

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 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 the Work	1.1 Occupational Health and Safety standards, statutory requirements, relevant Australian standards, codes of practice, manufacturer specifications, environmental requirements and enterprise procedures are identified, applied and monitored throughout the work procedure. 1.2 Work requirements are identified from request/works orders or equivalent and clarified/confirmed with appropriate parties or by site inspection. 1.3 Resources required to satisfy the work are identified, obtained and inspected for compliance in accordance with enterprise procedures. 1.4 Potential hazards are identified and prevention and/or control measures are selected in accordance with the work plan and site

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
	procedures.
	1.5 Work is planned in detail including sequencing and prioritising and considerations made, where appropriate, for maintenance of plant security and capacity in accordance with system/site requirements.
	1.6 Co-ordination requirements, including requests for isolations where appropriate, are resolved with others involved, affected or required by the work.
2 Undertake dam safety surveillance	2.1 Surveillance of dam structures is undertaken in accordance with site/enterprise procedures and guidelines.
	2.2 Recordings of leakage are reported to appropriate authorities in accordance with site/enterprise procedures.
	2.3 Special inspections are undertaken following abnormal events in accordance with enterprise procedures.
3 Sample and record water quality	3.1 Water samples are collected using appropriate equipment and techniques in accordance with site/enterprise procedures.
	3.2 Perform basic testing using laboratory and/or field equipment in accordance with enterprise/site requirements.
	3.3 Test results are recorded and abnormal results are communicated to appropriate personnel in accordance with site/enterprise requirements.
4 Complete the work	4.1 Documentation is updated in accordance with enterprise procedures.
	4.2 Test equipment/tools is/are maintained and stored in accordance with enterprise procedures.

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 of undertaking dam safety surveillance for a permit to work.

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 standards
- Relevant statutory requirements and codes of practice
- Relevant site/enterprise procedures and standards
- Equipment and materials required to perform the work
- General layout of work site and associated equipment
- Early warning signs and causes of dam failures
- Basic knowledge of dam types and construction
- Water sampling procedures, recording procedures
- Communication equipment and principles.

Specific skills needed to achieve the Performance Criteria:

- Apply Occupational Health and Safety standards
- Relevant statutory requirements and codes of practice
- Apply relevant site/enterprise procedures and standards
- Select and utilise equipment and materials required to perform the work
- Recognise work site and relevant associated equipment
- Identify early warning signs and causes of dam

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

failures

- Undertake water sampling and recording procedures
- Communicate effectively.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

8) This provides essential advice for assessment of the unit of competency and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria and the Range Statement of the 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, at a minimum, the application of the competency 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 in this regard.

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 practised. These points are raised for the assessors to consider when choosing an assessment method and developing assessment instruments.

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Sample assessment instruments are included for Assessors in the 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 Occupational Health and Safety 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) Essential Knowledge and Associated Skills 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:
 - Knowledge and application of relevant sections of: Occupational Health and Safety legislation; Statutory legislation; Enterprise/site safety procedures; Enterprise/site emergency procedures
 - Preparation of planning of work
 - Surveillance of hydro electric dams and associated equipment
 - Basic testing and taking of water samples.
 - Completion of work procedures.
 - 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

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conditions.

Assessment of this unit will be supported with documentary evidence, by means of endorsement stating type and application 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	Refer to the following example of application: Explain ideas and actions, make suggestions for alternative actions and deal with contingencies	2

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competency?	and non-routine situations.	
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.	1
How is team work used within this competency?	Refer to the following example of application: Share tasks 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 tasks, estimation of distances, levels, loads and material requirements.	1
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 record information with regard to operations and performance of plant and equipment.	1

How are	Refer to the following example of application:	
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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.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

7) This relates to the unit of competency 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.

Work in this unit is typically carried out under general guidance.

Surveillance sites may include earthen walls, concrete walls, spillways, reservoir perimeter, weirs, tunnels/galleries.

Samples may be taken from dams, rivers, weirs and water conveyance assets and equipment, and testing may be pollution, pH, turbidity.

Recordings may be in the form of log sheets or through electronic media.

Dam safety surveillance will mostly be of a visual nature but not necessarily limited to such.

Appropriate personnel may include hydro station operating staff, local councils, irrigation concerns, control centres, emergency services personnel, downstream landowners.

Abnormal events may include floods, landslides and earthquakes.

Communication may be by means of telephone/fax, two way radio, logs, verbal.

Extreme weather conditions may be encountered over varied terrain requiring the use of 4WD vehicles.

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 maths skills indicated by the following scales. Description of each scale is given in Volume 2, Part 3 Literacy and Numeracy

Reading	3	Writing	3	Maths	3
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Competency Field

Competency Field 4)

Operations.