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UEPOPS353A Conduct Operational Checks on In-service Electrical Plant

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit Descriptor 1)

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to conduct operational checks on in-service electrical plant.

Application of the Unit

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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.

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 for plant in-service checks	1.1	Safety issues are identified to comply with enterprise/site requirements
	1.2	Work, plant and resource requirements are identified from relevant information, requests, work orders or equivalent and documentation.
	1.3	Plant status and work requirements are clarified/confirmed with appropriate parties or by site inspection
	1.4	Equipment is check for correct calibration, operation. correct size, type and quantity of materials/components are determined, obtained and inspected for compliance with the job specifications
	1.5	Potential hazards are identified and prevention and/or control measures are selected in accordance with the work plan and site procedures
	1.6	Pre access checks are carried out in accordance with enterprise and site requirements
	1.7	Where appropriate, the teams and individuals roles and responsibilities within the team are identified and, where required, assist in the

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
2 Carry out in-service electrical checks	provision of the on-the-job training
	2.1 Systems/plant is operated in accordance with enterprise/site and manufacturer operating procedures
	2.2 In-service electrical checks are done in conjunction with others involved in, or affected by, the work in accordance with the work plan
	2.3 Plant checks are monitored and observed to detect deviations from normal operation
	2.4 Corrective actions are taken to rectify abnormalities in accordance with manufacturer and enterprise/site procedures
	2.5 In-service checks are performed in accordance with defined enterprise procedures.
3 Complete the work	2.6 System/plant integrity and personnel safety are maintained through consultation with appropriate personnel, and reference to plant, technical and operational documentation
	3.1 When checks are completed, control measures are returned to required operational status where appropriate.
	3.2 Appropriate personnel are notified of the completion of work in accordance with enterprise/site procedures
	3.3 Plant problems or abnormalities are reported and logged in accordance with enterprise/site procedures
3.4	Check results are interpreted and documented in accordance with enterprise/site 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 conducting operational checks on in-service electrical plants 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 regulations
- Relevant statutory legislation
- Relevant enterprise/site safety procedures
- Enterprise/site emergency procedures and techniques
- Plant status
- Plant operating parameters
- Relevant plant and equipment, it's location and operating parameters
- Enterprise recording procedures
- Systems components and interactions

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/site emergency procedures and techniques
- Apply enterprise recording procedures
- Identify plant status
- Prepare plant/equipment for checks
- Communicate effectively
- Maintain plant integrity
- Apply data analysis techniques and tools
- Recognise abnormal plant operating conditions

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Apply or determine appropriate corrective actions required
- Plan and prioritise work; personnel safety
- Interpret remote indication of plant status and condition
- Interpret and apply reading of appropriate diagrams and symbols.

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.

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

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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:
 - 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
 - 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

8.3)

specific resources for assessment

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 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
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
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Skills Enabling Employment

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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	Refer to the following example of application: Seek advice and apply solutions to problems relevant to the workplace environment.

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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.

Operational Checks may include fault finding, performance checking, indication and protection checks and work on control and trip circuits and minor testing.

Key indicators may include frequency, machine/ equipment voltage and current, plant temperatures, reactive power flows, power factor, plant load capabilities, protection settings, visual and audible indicators, analogue and digital displays.

Plant and/or equipment may include turbines and generators; fans; pumps; heat exchangers; motors; transformers; switchgear; electrical/electronic control systems; cooling systems; and chemical treatment and water quality systems, fuel delivery system; auxiliary plant; generator excitation system; fire protection system; switchboards; Safety standards may include relevant sections of Occupational Health and Safety legislation, enterprise safety rules, national standards for plant, relevant state and federal legislation and Australian standards.

Information and documentation sources may include verbal or written communications; enterprise safety rules documentation; enterprise operating instructions; equipment and alarm manuals; dedicated computer equipment; enterprise standing instructions and plant notes; enterprise log books; manufacturer operation and maintenance manuals.

Technical and operational indicators may include stimuli (audio, smell, touch, visual), remote or local indicators and recorders, computers and alarms (visible and or audible)

Appropriate personnel for consultation, to give or receive direction may include supervisor/team leader or equivalent; other coordinators of energy production; other operating staff; technical and engineering officers or equivalent; maintenance personnel; and contractor staff.

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.