

# SKAC223 (SQA Unit Code - FA4N 04)

## Prepare hard standings and paths for caravans



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### Overview

This unit is about marking out and preparing hard standings and paths for caravan pitches. This will include:

1. removing obstructions and debris
2. marking out the area ensuring that distances between pitches meet statutory requirements
3. locating, identifying and making safe services such as electricity and gas, taking into account the requirement for statutory qualifications in some areas
4. excavating the area and removing spoil and surplus
5. protecting and maintaining services for reuse
6. providing a sub-base that is level and stable
7. applying a top/finish to meet specifications
8. protecting the site during work
9. reinstating the area

The unit is divided into three parts. The first part describes the two things you have to do. These are:

1. mark out and prepare the area
2. apply the correct finish to the area

The second part describes the knowledge and understanding you must have.

The third part gives examples and explanations of some words we use in the unit.

This unit is for people who prepare paths and hard standings on caravan parks.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

#### **Mark out and prepare the area**

- P1 remove all obstructions and debris from the area
- P2 mark out the area, ensuring there is a statutory distance from adjacent pitches
- P3 make sure that the size and alignment of the hard standing and path meet the specification
- P4 locate, identify and make safe the main services
- P5 excavate the area removing spoil and surplus
- P6 protect and maintain the existing services for reuse

*You must be able to:*

#### **Apply the correct finish to the area**

- P7 provide a sub-base that is level and stable, using material appropriate to intended use
- P8 use work methods that meet the requirements of the unit to be installed
- P9 apply the top/finish to meet specifications
- P10 protect the site while work is in progress
- P11 reinstate the surrounding area, making sure access is safe and clear

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **For the whole unit**

K1 the legal requirements covering the need for competence testing for staff connecting services such as water, gas and electricity, and the consequent need for supervision by approved contractors during learning and assessment

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Mark out and prepare the area**

K2 your responsibilities with regard to statutory regulations for siting caravans

K3 the methods you should use to make sure the area is marked out and levels set correctly

K4 how to identify and isolate gas and electricity services

K5 the legal requirements covering the need for competence testing for staff working with services such as gas and electricity

K6 the methods you should use for the preparation of sites, removal of soil and siting of services

*You need to know and understand:*

#### **Apply the correct finish to the area**

K7 the types of material that are suitable for the base

K8 the types of material suitable for top/finish of base

K9 the durability of materials and other reasons for selection: for example setting times

K10 the reasons for shuttering

K11 the reasons for compacting the sub-base

K12 the reasons for protecting both the site and the pitch

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### Additional Information

#### Scope/range related to performance criteria

1. **statutory distance**
  - 1.1 model standards
  - 1.2 local bye-laws
  - 1.3 site licence conditions
  
2. **service**
  - 2.1 gas
  - 2.2 water
  - 2.3 electricity
  - 2.4 sewerage
  - 2.5 telephone
  - 2.6 television
  
3. **material**
  - 3.1 base hard core
  - 3.2 intermediate hard core
  
4. **top/finish**
  - 4.1 concrete
  - 4.2 chippings
  - 4.3 shuttering

### Glossary

#### **The site**

The area in which the work is being carried out

#### **Hard standing**

Upon which the caravan is to be permanently or temporarily sited

#### **Specification**

Of the material being used, for example setting time and individual requirements for appropriate application of concrete

#### **Pitch**

Existing or planned space for caravan

### Links to other NOS

This unit links closely with SKAOSC14, SKAOSC221 and SKAOSC222.

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