

Unloading a waste transport vehicle

W06 - SQA Unit Code H2JH 04

Area of competence

This national occupational standard defines the competence required to unload waste safely, and observe operational and regulatory requirements. You will be able to assess the suitability of the location and any equipment to be used in unloading the vehicle, and report - to the appropriate person - any situations where these do not meet requirements.

Skills and competencies which demonstrate effective performance

You show you are competent to:

- Prepare to unload waste and related materials
- Unload waste and related materials in line with location-specific procedures
- Use and communicate data and information connected with unloading waste and related materials
- Resolve problems which arise from unloading waste and related materials

Prepare to unload waste and related materials

1. Establish the accessibility and the suitability of the unloading location
2. Check and confirm the operational suitability of the vehicle and unloading equipment to be used.
3. Check to make sure the vehicle is positioned so it can be prepared and unloaded safely
4. Comply with all regulations and operational procedures that relate to unloading waste
5. Select and use appropriate PPE in accordance with operational requirements
6. Work in a way which complies with all regulations, and operational and location-specific procedures that relate to unloading waste

Unload waste and related materials in line with location-specific procedures

7. Communicate with others involved in the unloading process to ensure it is carried out safely and in compliance with operational procedures
8. Carry out the unloading operation safely and in accordance with operational procedures
9. Check and confirm the unloading operation is completed and that the unloaded waste complies with regulations



Use and communicate data and information connected with unloading waste and related materials



10. Communicate with others involved in the unloading processes to ensure work is carried out safely, and in compliance with operational and location-specific procedures
11. Check that the waste and the documentation are in compliance
12. Report unresolved vehicle defects or problems with defective equipment to the designated person
13. Check that documentation is legible and clear and seek confirmation from a person in authority if there are any doubts or discrepancies
14. Complete documentation in accordance with operational and location-specific procedures
15. Report situations that prevent safe unloading to take place in accordance with operational and location-specific procedures

Resolve problems which arise from unloading waste and related materials

16. Resolve any discrepancies in the documentation for the load before the waste is unloaded
17. Report defects in operational suitability of the vehicle and unloading equipment to the designated person
18. Arrange for alternative unloading sites to be identified when the designated site is unsuitable
19. Take steps to prevent unstable conditions from arising with the vehicle and unloading equipment

Behaviour which underpins effective performance

You work in a manner which:

Recognises and acts when others need support
Takes responsibility for resolving problems in your work area

Knowledge and understanding

You know and understand the following:

General

- a. The classifications and types of waste
- b. The potential hazards associated with different wastes
- c. How to identify work-related hazards and risks
- d. Details of operational procedures and documentation
- e. How to deal constructively with colleagues and other people and resolve disagreements
- f. How to use personal protective equipment (PPE) in line with operational procedures
- g. Operational procedures and why it is important to comply with them
- h. The limits of the job responsibility when communicating with others

Unloading waste and related materials

- i. The regulations relating to unloading waste and related materials
- j. The regulations for carriage of dangerous goods



- k. Operational procedures for unloading
- l. Site operating procedures and regulations at unloading sites
- m. The different types of waste and materials likely to be encountered when carrying out the job
- n. How to establish compliance with transfer requirements
- o. How to operate unloading equipment which is both integral and non-integral with the vehicle
- p. How to identify, rectify and record discrepancies and defects
- q. The nature and characteristics of waste loads and related materials
- r. The limits of the job role and responsibility