

EUSWS04 - SQA Unit Code H2KR 04

Contribute to the management of the environmental impact of work



Overview

This unit is about supervising work activities and resources in your area of responsibility in order to minimise the negative impact – and maximise the positive impact – they may have on the environment. It involves organising work activities and the use of resources efficiently, understanding their impact on the environment and finding ways to reduce their negative and increase their positive impact. You may need to seek advice from environmental specialists when carrying out this function.

The unit is recommended particularly for first line managers and middle managers.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 organise work activities and the use of resources in your area of responsibility so that they are:
 - P1.1 efficient and effective
 - P1.2 comply with legal requirements and environmental policies
 - P1.3 minimise the negative and maximise the positive impact on the environment
- P2 identify the environmental impact of work activities and the use of resources in your area of responsibility
- P3 report promptly any identified risks to the environment, which you do not have the ability to control
- P4 encourage people in your area of responsibility to identify opportunities for, and contribute to, improving environmental performance
- P5 identify and implement changes to work activities and the use of resources that will reduce the negative and increase the positive impact on the environment
- P6 communicate the environmental benefits resulting from changes to work activities and the use of resources
- P7 obtain specialist advice, where necessary, to help you identify and manage the environmental impact of your work activities and use of resources

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

General knowledge and understanding

- K1 how to organise work activities and the use of resources in your area of responsibility so that they are efficient and effective
- K2 the importance of organising work activities and the use of resources so that they minimise their negative and maximise their positive environmental impact, and how to do so
- K3 the importance of identifying the environmental impact of work activities and the use of resources in your area of responsibility, and how to do so
- K4 the importance of reporting promptly any identified risks to the environment which you do not have the ability to control, and how to do so
- K5 how to encourage people to make contributions
- K6 how to identify and implement changes to work activities and the use of resources that will reduce their negative and increase their positive environmental impact
- K7 the principles of effective communication and how to apply them

You need to know and understand:

Industry/sector specific knowledge and understanding

- K8 industry/sector requirements for managing environmental performance in your area of responsibility

You need to know and understand:

Context specific knowledge and understanding

- K9 legal requirements and environmental policies and how to comply with them
- K10 the types of risks to the environment, which you do not have the ability to control
- K11 people in your area of responsibility who are able to contribute to, and identify opportunities for, improving environmental performance
- K12 the range of environmental specialists that exists inside and/or outside your organisation
- K13 your role, responsibilities and limits of your authority

Additional Information

Behaviours

1. You recognise changes in circumstances promptly and adjust plans and activities accordingly
2. You present information clearly, concisely, accurately and in ways that promote understanding
3. You keep people informed of plans and developments
4. You comply with, and ensure others comply with, legal requirements, industry regulations, organisational policies and professional codes
5. You act within the limits of your authority
6. You are vigilant for possible hazards
7. You make appropriate information and knowledge available promptly to those who need it and have a right to it
8. You encourage others to share information and knowledge efficiently within the constraints of confidentiality
9. You make best use of available resources and proactively seek new sources of support when necessary
10. You identify the implications or consequences of a situation

Skill

Listed below are the main generic 'skills' that need to be applied in supervising environmental performance in your area of responsibility. These skills are explicit/implicit in the detailed content of the unit and are listed here as additional information.

1. Assessing
2. Communicating
3. Consulting
4. Decision-making
5. Evaluating
6. Involving others
7. Monitoring
8. Planning
9. Presenting information
10. Reporting
11. Risk management

Links to other NOS

This national occupational standard relates to MSC E9 – and belongs to the Management Standards Centre, the standards setting body for management and leadership

This unit is linked to units B8. Ensure compliance with legal, regulatory, ethical and social requirements, B10. Manage risk, D6. Allocate and monitor the progress and quality of work in your area of responsibility and E8. Manage physical resources in the overall suite of National Occupational

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