
Overview

This standard describes the skill and knowledge requirements for individuals to develop an awareness of the impact of their activities and others on the environment and the importance of improving environmental performance within the work area or other activities. These impacts could include any of the following:

It covers the understanding of environmental practices and policies that affect you, and your ability to identify where improvements could be made. It also covers knowing if activities are in line with environmental practices and encourages the development of environmental awareness in others.

This standard would be appropriate for team leaders, first line managers and workers to support the awareness and improvement of the environmental performance of the organisation. It is also applicable to individuals who need to understand the impact of their activities on the environment.

**Performance
criteria**

You must be able to:

- P1 review the impact of your activities on the environment
- P2 identify how your practices impact the environment
- P3 identify the environmental policies and practices that are relevant to your activities
- P4 review the positive and negative impact of your activities on the environment
- P5 report any potential negative impact
- P6 encourage others to develop and maintain environmental awareness
- P7 develop activities that support environmental good practice
- P8 undertake activities and use resources that promote environmental good practice
- P9 identify opportunities to reduce the negative and improve the positive impact on the environment
- P10 communicate the benefits of implementing and maintaining good environmental practice
- P11 encourage feedback from others on environmental practice
- P12 monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of changes to work activities and use the findings to inform future practice

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the key issues facing the environment
- K2 specific environmental issues which are relevant to your area of work
- K3 the impact of your work or other activities on the environment
- K4 the term 'positive and negative impact'
- K5 your role, responsibility and limits of authority relating to environmental practice
- K6 the contribution which you can make to the environmental good practice of the organisation
- K7 benefits to the organisation and to the environment of improved environmental good practice
- K8 environmental legislation affecting your activities
- K9 existing workplace or other environmental policies
- K10 your social responsibilities in relation to environmental practice
- K11 external and internal sources of information and guidance on environmental practice
- K12 how to recognise areas where environmental practice can be improved
- K13 the factors which may limit improvements to environmental performance
- K14 the importance of organising activities that meet environmental policies
- K15 the importance of selecting resources which minimise the environmental impact
- K16 how to communicate good environmental practices to others
- K17 ways of influencing and motivating others (internal and external) to improve environmental performance
- K18 ways of monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of improvements in environmental performance

Glossary

Pollution (land, air, water)

Climate change

Resource depletion

Biodiversity depletion

Damage to ecosystems

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