

LANCS42 (SQA Unit Code - HA0L 04)

Manage sites in the land-based and environmental sector



Overview

This standard covers the management of sites in the land-based and environmental sector.

Sites may be managed for a wide range of purposes such as for commercial activities, for amenity purposes, for the preservation of historical areas or for landscape, marine or conservation measures. Many sites will have multiple uses or specific management needs, such as those where it is necessary to balance production or amenity and conservation uses.

You should have technical knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to optimising the balance between organisational objectives, site characteristics, sustainable business practice, available resources and economic issues.

An understanding of intensive and extensive management strategies will also be necessary.

This standard is suitable for those with overall responsibility for the management of sites in the land-based and environmental sector.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 confirm the purpose and use of the site
- P2 identify and evaluate opportunities and constraints in managing the site
- P3 consider alternative site management strategies
- P4 specify the criteria that site management has to meet
- P5 develop site management plans that achieve a balance between the purpose and use of the site, and opportunities and constraints
- P6 ensure the plans contain sufficient information for the site to be managed effectively
- P7 identify the resources required to manage the site
- P8 produce specifications for site management activities
- P9 specify arrangements for monitoring the site
- P10 present the site management plans and specifications in a way that is suitable for those who are to use them
- P11 manage activities on site to ensure they are carried out in accordance with the site management plans and specifications
- P12 ensure all work is carried out in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and organisation policies
- P13 monitor and evaluate the management of the site, taking appropriate action and making changes to the plans where required
- P14 ensure appropriate records are maintained and stored as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the different purposes of site management plans
- K2 the range of objectives and outcomes that site management plans may be designed to meet and their parameters
- K3 opportunities and constraints in managing the site
- K4 different site management strategies, from intensive to extensive management of sites
- K5 the different criteria that site management plans have to meet and how to detail these for the effective management of sites
- K6 the purpose and benefits that external consultation may bring
- K7 how to develop site management plans that optimise the balance between organisational objectives, site characteristics, sustainable business practice, available resources and economic issues
- K8 how to identify and specify resource requirements
- K9 how to develop specifications to meet the objectives of the plan
- K10 effective ways of presenting site management plans and their specifications to those involved
- K11 how to manage the site and ensure the objectives are achieved
- K12 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and organisation policies
- K13 the direct and indirect means of monitoring the management of sites and how to achieve the best balance between the two
- K14 the methods of evaluating the effectiveness of the site management plan
- K15 the range of different scenarios that would mean:
 - K15.1 site management practices were working well,
 - K15.2 site management practices should be modified or
 - K15.3 site management plans should be reviewed
- K16 the importance of maintaining complete and accurate records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

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Glossary

Opportunities and constraints: local, regional, national and global policies; legal, physical, environmental, recreational, ecological, historical, social, cultural, aesthetic and economic factors

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