

Press and finish items following laundry

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**Overview**

This standard is for those who press, finish and inspect items as part of the laundry process.

The job role may involve:

- pressing items on rotary presses, scissor presses, iron and rotary iron
- inspecting pressed items for quality

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## Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. identify the correct method of pressing or finishing for an item and select the equipment to be used
2. check that the selected pressing and finishing equipment is safe and ready to use
3. identify and report any faults with the equipment to be used
4. check and adjust the locking pressure on scissor presses as required
5. assess the efficiency of the vacuum to be used and correct this as required
6. press items to the organisation's finishing specification
7. inspect items to ensure that they are pressed to organisational standards
8. identify unsatisfactorily pressed items and deal with these in accordance with organisational procedures
9. pass satisfactory items for packaging and dispatch

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## Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the correct pressing and finishing equipment to use for different types of items
2. how to identify and take action if safety mechanisms malfunction
3. what the effects of moisture in finishing are and how to deal with unacceptable levels of moisture retention
4. how to interpret care labels
5. what are the correct steam pressures are for different items
6. how different textiles respond to heat and pressure
7. the organisation's finishing specification for items
8. how to record throughput of items for pressing and finishing
9. what the common faults are when pressing and finishing and how to deal with them
10. statutory responsibilities under health, safety and environmental legislations and regulations during the finishing process

The candidate and assessor must only sign below when all Performance Criteria and Knowledge points have been met.

**Unit assessed as being complete**

<b>Candidate's Name:</b>	
<b>Candidate's Signature:</b>	
<b>Date submitted to assessor as complete:</b>	

<b>Assessor's Name:</b>	
<b>Assessor's Signature:</b>	
<b>Date assessed as complete:</b>	

**Internal Verification —**

to be completed in accordance with centre's IV strategy

<b>Evidence for this Unit was sampled on the following date/s:</b>	<b>IV's Signature</b>	<b>IV's Name</b>

This Unit has been subject to an admin check in keeping with the centre's IV strategy.

<b>Date of admin check</b>	<b>IV's Signature</b>	<b>IV's Name</b>

**Unit completion confirmed**

<b>IV's Name:</b>	
<b>IV's Signature:</b>	
<b>Date complete:</b>	