

EUSWO09 - SQA Unit Code H2J2 04

Transportation of waste



Overview

This national occupational standard defines the competence required to transport waste. It involves being able to operate and control a waste transport vehicle, monitoring and reviewing the vehicle's performance and the operating schedule in compliance with organisational and regulatory requirements.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Operate and control a waste transport vehicle

- P1 carry out daily routine checks on the vehicle in accordance with operational procedures
- P2 check the operational suitability of the vehicle and specialist equipment
- P3 drive and manoeuvre the vehicle safely in line with training and operational procedures
- P4 drive the vehicle in a manner which minimises wear and tear, the risk of accidental damage, and maximises efficiency
- P5 drive in a manner which shows consideration for others, and minimises risk to oneself and the crew
- P6 drive and operate the vehicle legally
- P7 check the load is secure and stable before moving off

You must be able to:

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- P8 monitor continuously the condition of the vehicle and its load by observing the vehicle's performance, and report any problems in accordance with operational procedures
- P9 follow operational procedures in the event of accident, breakdown, and other problems

You must be able to:

Use and communicate data and information related to the transportation of waste

- P10 complete and sign the daily vehicle checks documentation
- P11 report problems which arise from the vehicle check
- P12 record variations in vehicle performance
- P13 complete operational documentation
- P14 check regulatory documentation and signage is completed and positioned accurately

You must be able to:

Resolve problems which arise with the transportation of waste

- P15 report variations in vehicle performance
- P16 take steps to deal with insecure or unstable loads
- P17 advise colleagues or managers of situations which require their attention
- P18 report situations which are outside the job role responsibilities in line with operational procedures
- P19 resolve problems to improve vehicle performance

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

General

- K1 the classifications and types of waste
- K2 the potential hazards associated with different wastes
- K3 how to identify work-related hazards and risks
- K4 details of operational procedures and documentation
- K5 how to deal constructively with colleagues and other people and resolve disagreements
- K6 how to use personal protective equipment (PPE) in line with operational procedures
- K7 operational procedures and why it is important to comply with them
- K8 the limits of the job responsibility when communicating with others

You need to know and understand:

Waste transport vehicle and equipment

- K9 vehicle controls, equipment, and their functions
- K10 vehicle handling and characteristics
- K11 load characteristics and their effects on vehicle performance
- K12 the methods of checking vehicle performance
- K13 how to identify variances in vehicle performance, remedy them or report them
- K14 how to identify deviations from the schedule of operations
- K15 how to establish load stability
- K16 how to manoeuvre safely and effectively
- K17 how to minimise wear and tear and the risk of accidents
- K18 how to deal with accidents, breakdowns or other problems
- K19 how to accommodate special instructions in route and schedule planning
- K20 the requirements of the organisation receiving the load
- K21 the potential environmental impact of the vehicle and its load
- K22 legislation affecting the vehicle, its driver, and its load

Additional information

Behaviours

You work in a manner which:

1. recognises and acts when others need support
2. takes responsibility for resolving problems in your work area

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