SKSLWDC27 - Dry and finish items following wet-cleaning - SQA Unit Code JH68 04

Overview:

This standard is for those who dry and finish items following the wet cleaning process.

The job role may involve:

- · organising and allocating the work for drying, pressing and finishing
- · preparing machinery and items for tumble drying
- controlling the tumble drying process
- pressing items using a free steam press/cabinet/former
- · inspecting finished items for quality

Performance Criteria:

- P1 select the correct drying or finishing equipment to be used for the item
- P2 check that the drying or finishing equipment is safe and ready to use
- P3 check that items are suitable for drying or finishing and redirect if unsuitable
- P4 adjust the machinery to suit the item you are to process
- P5 process the item using the drying or finishing equipment
- P6 correct distortions or stretching and restore shape to items during finishing
- P7 ensure finishing of sensitive fibres and textiles is in line with care labels
- P8 inspect the item following finishing to ensure it meets the organisation's finishing requirements
- P9 identify items that do not meet organisational finishing requirements and deal with these
- P10 identify any problems that may arise during the finishing process and report these

Knowledge and Understanding

- K1 advantages and disadvantages of different types of drying and/or finishing equipment
- K2 what the specific hazards are with drying and/or finishing items
- K3 the correct steam pressures, vacuum services and lighting requirements
- K4 how to use the finishing equipment/pressbuck clothing requirements and ancillary tools
- K5 the iron temperature adjustments and ironing/steaming techniques relative to different fabrics
- K6 how to interpret care labels
- K7 how the tumble drying process works
- K8 specific hazards of the tumble drying process
- K9 the value of vacuum in finishing
- K10 how to check and adjust the press locking pressure
- K11 how different fibres, fabrics and item construction can affect the drying or finishing process
- K12 how to care for buttons, trim, accessories and fastenings
- K13 how to apply additional finishes where appropriate
- K14 statutory responsibilities under health, safety and environmental legislations