



Regulated Qualifications Unit and Assessment Specification

Unit title	Operating Equipment in Support of the Abrasive Blast Cleaner in the Workplace
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Level:	2	
Credit value:	9	
Learning Outcomes <i>The learner will be able to:</i>	Assessment Criteria <i>The learner can:</i>	
1 Interpret the given information relating to the work and resources when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.	1.1	Interpret and extract relevant information from specifications, current regulations, risk assessments, method statements and manufacturers' information.
	1.2	Comply with information and/or instructions derived from risk assessments and method statements.
	1.3	Describe the organisational procedures developed to report and rectify inappropriate information and unsuitable resources and how they are implemented.
	1.4	Describe different types of information, their source and how they are interpreted in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ specifications, current legislation, risk assessments, method statements, manufacturers' information and abrasive blast cleaner's instructions
2 Know how to comply with relevant legislation and official guidance when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.	2.1	Describe their responsibilities regarding first aid procedures, potential accidents and health hazards, whilst working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ in the workplace, in confined spaces, at height, with tools and equipment, with materials and substances, with movement/storage of materials and by manual handling and mechanical lifting
	2.2	Describe the organisational security procedures for tools, equipment and personal belongings in relation to site, workplace, company and operative.
	2.3	Explain what the accident reporting procedures are and who is responsible for making reports.

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3 Maintain safe and healthy working practices when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.	3.1	Use health and safety control equipment and access equipment safely to carry out the activity in accordance with current legislation and organisational requirements when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.
	3.2	Comply with information relating to specific risks to health when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.
	3.3	Explain why and when health and safety control equipment, identified by the principles of protection, should be used, relating to operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner and the types, purpose and limitations of each type, the work situation and general work environment, in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ collective protective measures ◆ personal protective equipment (PPE) ◆ respiratory protective equipment (RPE) ◆ local exhaust ventilation (LEV)
	3.4	Describe how the relevant health and safety control equipment should be used in accordance with the given instructions.
	3.5	Describe how emergencies should be responded to in accordance with organisational authorisation and personal skills when involved with fires, spillages, injuries and other task-related hazards.

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4 Select the required quantity and quality of resources for the methods of work to operate equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.	4.1 Select resources associated with own work in relation to materials, tools and equipment.	
	4.2 Describe the characteristics, quality, uses, sustainability, limitations and defects associated with the resources in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ materials for protecting and masking the work area ◆ blast cleaning equipment ◆ blast media ◆ lighting and signage ◆ access equipment ◆ hand tools, surface profile testing equipment and ancillary equipment 	
	4.3 Describe how the resources should be used correctly and how problems associated with the resources are reported.	
	4.4 Explain why the organisational procedures have been developed and how they are used for the selection of required resources.	
	4.5 Describe any potential hazards associated with the resources and methods of work.	
	4.6 Describe how to calculate quantity of materials associated with the method/procedure to operate equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.	
5 Minimise the risk of damage to the work and surrounding area when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.	5.1 Protect the work and its surrounding area from damage in accordance with safe working practices and organisational procedures.	
	5.2 Minimise damage and maintain a clean work space.	
	5.3 Dispose of waste in accordance with current legislation.	
	5.4 Describe how to protect work from damage and the purpose of protection in relation to general workplace activities, other occupations and adverse weather conditions.	
	5.5 Explain why the disposal of waste should be carried out safely in accordance with environmental responsibilities, organisational procedures, manufacturers' information, statutory regulations and official guidance.	

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6 Complete the work within the allocated time when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.	6.1	Demonstrate completion of the work within the allocated time.
	6.2	Describe the purpose of the work programme and explain why deadlines should be kept in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ types of progress charts, timetables and estimated times ◆ organisational procedures for reporting circumstances which will affect the work programme

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7 Comply with the given contract information to operate equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner to the required specification.	7.1 Demonstrate the following work skills when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner: ◆ assembling, preparing, loading, operating, protecting, communicating	
	7.2 Operate abrasive blast cleaning equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner to the given working instructions, relating to the following: ◆ preparing abrasives ◆ loading the system ◆ monitoring and maintaining supply	
	7.3 Shut down and clean the abrasive blast cleaning equipment to given working instructions.	
	7.4 Safely use hand tools, material supply equipment and ancillary equipment.	
	7.5 Safely clean and store the materials, tools and equipment used when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.	
	7.6 Describe how to apply safe and healthy work practices, follow procedures, report problems and establish the authority needed to rectify them, to: ◆ establish access requirements ◆ assemble component parts ◆ identify and prepare abrasives ◆ load hoppers ◆ operate, monitor and maintain (during use) the abrasive blast cleaning equipment ◆ shut-down, clean and store equipment ◆ apply and remove protective and masking products to maintain the integrity of the work ◆ use access equipment ◆ use hand tools and ancillary equipment	
	7.7 Describe the needs of other occupations and how to effectively communicate within a team when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.	
	7.8 Describe how to maintain the tools and equipment used when operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner.	

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Additional information about this unit	
Purpose and aim of unit	The aim of this unit is to illustrate the skills, Knowledge and Understanding required to confirm competence in operating equipment in support of the abrasive blast cleaner in the workplace within the relevant sector of industry.
Unit start date	01 November 2013
Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national occupational standards or other professional standards or curricula (if appropriate)	This unit is based on the National Occupational Standard 'Operate Equipment in Support of the Abrasive Blast Cleaner' (VR 335v2)
Assessment requirements or guidance specified by a sector or regulatory body (if appropriate)	<p>This unit must be assessed in a work environment, in accordance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ the Additional Requirements for Qualifications using the title NVQ in QCF ◆ the ConstructionSkills' Consolidated Assessment Strategy for Construction and the Built Environment <p>Assessors for this unit must have verifiable, current industry experience and a sufficient depth of relevant occupational expertise and knowledge, and must use a combination of assessment methods as defined in the Consolidated Assessment.</p> <p>Workplace evidence of skills cannot be simulated.</p>
Support for the unit from a sector skills council or other appropriate body (if required)	ConstructionSkills
Location of the unit within the subject/sector classification system	05.2 Building and Construction
Name of the organisation submitting the unit	ConstructionSkills
Credit value	9
Guided Learning Hours	50

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Assessment (evidence) requirements

The evidence requirements for this unit are shown in the main body of the unit under the section titled 'Assessment requirements or guidance specified by a sector or regulatory body'.

Guidance on instruments of assessment

Occupational skills (OS) unit

This unit is designed to assess the skills of learners in the workplace. Observation of learner performance can only be carried out on-the-job and should always be the primary and preferred source of evidence of competent performance.

Collection of supplementary evidence of performance can be used to further substantiate, support and expand the evidence base for competent performance where this is necessary. This may arise in situations where evidence from direct observation of the learners on-the-job is deemed insufficient to fully meet the required standards. Supplementary evidence may include:

- ◆ witness testimony
- ◆ questioning
- ◆ professional discussion
- ◆ product and photographic evidence
- ◆ relevant active documentation, reports, presentations
- ◆ other valid evidence which relates directly to learner performance on-the-job

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