

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate and apply knowledge of infection prevention and contamination when working as a cleaner</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate and apply knowledge of infection prevention and contamination when working as a cleaner.
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<b>Classification</b>	Cleaning and Caretaking > Cleaning Skills
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

1 Assessment conditions

All tasks must be carried out in accordance with own role and responsibilities, organisational policies and procedures, and industry best practice.

Practical outcomes may be demonstrated at a single site requiring specialised cleaning procedures.

2 Recommended skills and knowledge prior to attempting this unit standard: Unit 28353, *Demonstrate knowledge of and apply basic hygiene practices when working as a cleaner*, or demonstrate equivalent skills and knowledge.

3 Definitions

*Cleaning equipment* may include floor cleaning equipment, bucket and mop, microfibre mop, brush and shovel, toilet brush, colour-coded cloth, disposable cloth, microfibre duster, spray bottle, vacuum cleaner (including parts), and caddies / single station units.

*Colour-coded cleaning equipment* is used to avoid cross-contamination between different areas of a site. Colours used to differentiate cleaning equipment in different areas are often – red (toilets), green (kitchens), blue (public areas), and yellow (clinical and healthcare areas). Colour combinations can vary across different organisations.

*Essential hygiene practices* refer to washing hands in accordance with organisational procedures, clean fingernails, clean hair, good personal hygiene, covering cuts and broken skin, and wearing suitable clothing such as a clean uniform and/or Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

*Industry best practice* refers to guidelines, standards, and practices that represent the most efficient or sensible course of action in a given situation. Best practice can follow legal and regulatory requirements, industry standards, and may form part of the scope of organisational policies and procedures.

*Infections and transmissible diseases* may include but are not limited to – Campylobacter, COVID-19, Giardia, Measles, MRSA, Norovirus, Shingles.

*Organisational policies and procedures* are the policies, procedures, and methodologies used in an organisation. They include legislative and regulatory requirements which may apply across an organisation, a specific site, or a workplace. Requirements are documented in organisational health and safety plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies, and procedural documents such as job descriptors and employment contracts.

*Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)* refers to clothing or equipment used to protect against hazards (e.g. coveralls, protective eyewear, footwear, gloves, gowns, hearing protection, masks, uniform).

*Single station equipment* refers to cleaning equipment that is wall-mounted, free-standing, or portable (e.g. a multi-function cleaning trolley).

*Site* refers to a building, or one part of a building, with different requirements for different areas (e.g. treatment rooms, triage rooms, wards, offices, manufacturing sites, factories, retail environments).

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Demonstrate and apply knowledge of infection prevention and contamination when working as a cleaner.

### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Essential hygiene practices to prevent infection and contamination are demonstrated.
- 1.2 Essential hygiene precautions to prevent infection and contamination are demonstrated.  
  
 Range            may include but is not limited to – colour-coded cleaning equipment, disposable equipment, steps to put on and remove PPE.
- 1.3 Infections and transmissible diseases which could exclude a cleaner from working in a high-risk environment are identified.
- 1.4 Site and task-specific precautions to prevent infection and contamination are followed.  
  
 Range            three site and three task-specific precautions.
- 1.5 Use of single station equipment and materials is described.

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Registration	1	21 April 2016	31 December 2023
Review	2	28 October 2021	N/A

**Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference**

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

**Comments on this unit standard**

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