

Title	Perform manual soldering and de-soldering procedures for electrotechnology work		
Level	2	Credits	2

Purpose	<p>This unit standard covers basic soldering for people working in the electrical and related trades.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – describe soldering procedures for electrical work – prepare and maintain soldering and de-soldering equipment – solder electrical components – perform soldering and de-soldering on printed circuit boards (PCBs).
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Classification	Electrical Engineering > Core Electrical
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance information

- 1 This unit standard has been developed for learning and assessment off-job.
- 2 Reference
Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
and all subsequent amendments and replacements.
- 3 Definition
Industry practice – those practices that competent practitioners within the industry recognise as current industry best practice.

Outcomes and Performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe soldering procedures for electrical work.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Component preparation for soldering is described in accordance with industry practice.

Range cleaned, tinned, devices heat-sinked.

- 1.2 Methods of preventing damage to electronic devices from excessive heat, electrostatic discharge, and mechanical stress are described in accordance with industry practice.
- 1.3 Methods of preventing short circuits and dry joints are described in terms of iron temperature, iron tip and solder selection, and solder joint shape.
- 1.4 Safety and workshop procedures to be followed while soldering are described in accordance with Health and Safety legislation.

Range eye protection, ventilation, selection of clothing, work position.

Outcome 2

Prepare and maintain soldering and de-soldering equipment.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Soldering and de-soldering equipment is chosen to suit the job in terms of the type of material and solder, bit size, heat requirement, and soldering location.
- 2.2 Soldering and de-soldering equipment is inspected to ensure user safety.
- Range electric cord set, vacuum hose where fitted, bits tight, handles undamaged and secure.
- 2.3 Soldering and de-soldering tips are kept tinned, shaped, and clean in accordance with industry practice.

Outcome 3

Solder electrical components.

Range components may include but are not limited to – wiring lugs, connectors, connections.
evidence of ten solder joints is required.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Solder, and flux where applicable, are chosen to match the job in terms of size and type of solder.
- 3.2 Materials are cleaned and secured in position ready for soldering task.
- 3.3 Materials are joined without damage to surrounding components and insulation, and solder is not overheated.
- 3.4 Soldered joints are completed in accordance with industry practice.
- Range joints are smooth; absence of – short circuits, dry joints, jagged edges, excess solder.

- 3.5 Safety and workshop procedures are followed in accordance with current Health and Safety legislation.

Outcome 4

Perform soldering and de-soldering on printed circuit boards (PCBs).

Range solder at least ten components, de-solder at least ten components, bridge five PCB tracks.

Performance criteria

4.1 Anti-static precautions are followed in accordance with industry practice.

4.2 Resin-core solder is chosen to suit the job in terms of solder size.

4.3 Components are cleaned and secured in position in accordance with industry practice.

4.4 Components are soldered to PCBs without damage to surrounding components, tracks, and pads.

4.5 Joints are completed in accordance with industry practice.

Range solder shape is filleted; component leads are trimmed; absence of short circuits, dry joints, jagged edges, excess solder.

4.6 Components are removed from PCBs and replaced without causing heat or stress damage to tracks and pads.

4.7 PCB bridges are installed in accordance with industry practice.

4.8 Safety and workshop procedures are followed while soldering in accordance with current Health and Safety legislation.

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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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