

Title	Set up and operate an industrial overlock sewing machine in a commercial clothing manufacturing workplace		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: set up; control; lubricate and clean; set and adjust, and operate an industrial overlock sewing machine in a commercial clothing manufacturing workplace.
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Classification	Clothing Manufacture > Apparel Cutting and Sewing
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- Performance of the elements must comply with the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.
- Competence will be demonstrated on two or more of the following: 2, 3, 4 and 5 thread machines.
- Definitions**
Overlock is sometimes known as overedge, and can also include safety stitch and mock safety stitch machines. These machines have knives fitted and can cut fabric to neaten the fabric edges as these are being sewn.
Product, style or garment specifications refer to the documentation that accompanies each manufacturing order. This documentation sets out the fabric to be used for the garment, the size range of the order, the garment assembly sequence, garment finishing procedures, and the garment component specifications.
Workplace performance criteria refer to the expected standard and speed of performance as set by the quality control management in the candidate's workplace. These criteria are determined by the construction of the garment, the fabric being used and the quality standards that apply in the candidate's workplace. These expectations must be explained and made available to the candidate prior to assessment.
Workplace procedures refer to the verbal or documented procedures for performing work activities and include health and safety, operational, environmental and quality management requirements. They may refer to manuals, manufacturer's specifications, codes of practice or policy statements.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Set up an industrial overlock sewing machine in a commercial clothing manufacturing workplace.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Worn or damaged needles are replaced according to manufacturer's specifications.
- 1.2 The industrial overlocker is threaded according to manufacturer's specifications, and tensions are set according to the material to be sewn.

Range any one or more of the following – 2, 3, 4, or 5 thread machine.

Outcome 2

Control an industrial overlock sewing machine in a commercial clothing manufacturing workplace.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Overlocker hand and foot controls are used to lift the foot and sew according to style specifications and workplace performance criteria.

Range machine control for a minimum of 30 cm.

- 2.2 Functional stitching elements and timing relationships are described for an industrial overlock sewing machine.

Outcome 3

Lubricate and clean an industrial overlock sewing machine in a commercial clothing manufacturing workplace.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Parts are lubricated according to manufacturer's specifications using the recommended lubricants for an industrial overlock sewing machine.
- 3.2 All lint is removed from working parts, using supplied tools and equipment, to manufacturer's specifications for an industrial overlock sewing machine.
- 3.3 All maintenance procedures are in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcome 4

Set and adjust an industrial overlock sewing machine in a commercial clothing manufacturing workplace.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Stitch formation is drawn or explained, and the effects of too few or too many stitches are explained for overlock and/or safety stitch.
- 4.2 Front and back threads are compatible, and their relationship is explained in terms of workplace performance criteria.
- 4.3 Faulty stitches are identified, and the industrial overlock machine is adjusted to meet style specifications and workplace performance criteria.
- 4.4 Machine is threaded, tested, and adjusted where necessary to meet style specifications.

Range two company products.

Outcome 5

Operate an industrial overlock sewing machine in a commercial clothing manufacturing workplace.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 Sewing is removed from machine according to workplace performance criteria.
- 5.2 Thread chain is cut according to style specifications.
- 5.3 Sewn line is straight and meets workplace performance criteria.

Range minimum 30 cm.

- 5.4 Work practice is in accordance with workplace procedures.

Replacement information	This unit standard and unit standards 5308, 5309 and 20344 were replaced by skill standard 40125.
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This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

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