

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of infection control requirements in a health or wellbeing setting		
Level	2	Credits	3

Purpose	<p>People credited with this unit standard are able, in a health or wellbeing setting, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the causes and transmission methods of infection; • demonstrate knowledge of exposure and signs of infectious conditions that may require absence from work; • demonstrate knowledge of infection control principles and infection control precautions; and • identify the requirements for reporting and recording risks of infection.
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Classification	Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Health and Disability Principles in Practice
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Assessment conditions**
Evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be gathered in a health or wellbeing setting.
- 2 Assessment notes**
Evidence generated for assessment against this standard must be in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
- 3 Definitions**
Health or wellbeing setting includes but is not limited to: the aged care, acute care, community support, disability, mental health, rehabilitation, social services and youth development sectors.
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.
Person is the individual accessing services. Other terms used for the person may include client, consumer, customer, patient, individual, resident, or service user.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify the causes and transmission methods of infection in a health or wellbeing setting.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Principal causes of infection are identified.
Range bacteria, fungus, parasite, virus.
- 1.2 Transmission methods for infection are identified.
Range airborne, direct, indirect, vector-borne.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of exposure and signs of infectious conditions that may require absence from work in a health or wellbeing setting.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Signs of infectious conditions that may require absence from work are identified.
Range two infectious conditions.
- 2.2 Documentation and reporting requirements of exposure events are identified.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of infection control principles and infection control precautions in a health or wellbeing setting.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Hand hygiene procedures are demonstrated.
- 3.2 Infection control precautions are identified for two different care situations.
Range precautions may include but are not limited to – alcohol-based hand rubs; handwashing; wearing aprons, glasses or goggles, gloves, gowns, hats, masks;
evidence is required of one precaution for each care situation.

3.3 Disposal of bodily fluids and/or waste is identified.

Range bodily fluids and waste may include but are not limited to – dressings; colostomy bags and urine drainage; contents of commodes, pans, urinals; continence pads; gloves, sanitary products;
evidence is required of two different types of bodily fluids or waste.

3.4 Methods for handling soiled gloves, gowns, bedding, and clothing are identified.

3.5 Measures for managing contact exposure to blood or bodily fluids are identified.

3.6 First Aid measures for incidents involving sharps are identified.

Outcome 4

Identify the requirements for reporting and recording risks of infection in a health or wellbeing setting.

Performance criteria

4.1 Requirements for reporting and recording risks of infection are identified.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0024
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Comments on this unit standard

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