

<b>Title</b>	<b>Determine grave digging requirements and prepare for digging</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to determine grave digging requirements and prepare for digging.
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<b>Classification</b>	Horticulture > Amenity Horticulture
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
  - Burial and Cremation Act 1964;
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definitions
 

A *grave site* is a place of burial, above and below ground, immediately in front of, and including a headstone where a casket or body is buried. The grave site may or may not be formally identified or lined.

*Workplace procedures* refer to instructions to staff on policy and procedures which are communicated in verbal or written form. These requirements may include but are not limited to – manufacturers' instructions, company safety requirements, and industry codes of practice and standards. Workplace procedures must include legislative requirements.
- 3 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with workplace procedures.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Determine grave digging requirements.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify grave site on cemetery map or plan, check physical location and make names of neighbouring plots available for reference.

- 1.2 Assess the site and surrounding area to determine soil type, safety hazards, entry and exit, and other issues.
- Range soil types may include but are not limited to – sand, clay, rock; safety hazards may include but are not limited to – air, water, vibration, heat, slippery surfaces, overhead obstacles, loadings on top of ground (machinery, people, soil, structures), previously dug graves, monument collapse, foreign objects, drains, cables, sprinklers, pipes, trees and roots; other issues may include but are not limited to – need for soil removal, effect on presentation of nearby sites.
- 1.3 Complete inspection of monumentation on and near the site to determine that site is appropriate before digging commences and notify supervisor.
- 1.4 Select a grave digging method appropriate to the site assessment.
- Range grave digging method may include - by hand, using machinery, combination of both
- 1.5 Determine whether to proceed where water around the site is excessive or uncontrolled.

## Outcome 2

Prepare for digging.

### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Select and assemble tools, equipment and machinery consistent with job requirements, check for serviceability, and report any faults.
- Range may include but is not limited to – spreaders; boards; hydraulic braces; stabilisers; spade; shovel; pick; crowbar; auger; timber tong; sledgehammer; timber mallet; explosive power tool; power saw; hand saw; timber of correct grade, size and type; certified ladder; backhoe or front-end loader; skidsteer loader; excavator; tractor; truck; grave sleeves; helmet; tape measure; level and plumb bob; sludge pump where water is present.
- 2.2 Mark out the site in accordance with grave dimensions and supervisor's instructions.
- 2.3 Use protective strategies to protect adjacent graves as required.
- Range may include but is not limited to – sheeting, barricades, temporary fencing and reinforced covers.
- 2.4 Place protective restraints to ensure that only authorised persons are permitted near the site while digging is in progress.

- 2.5 Identify above and below ground lines of communication in case of an emergency.

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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0052
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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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