

Title	Perform a grave collapse consolidation		
Level	4	Credits	10

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare to consolidate a collapsed grave and make ground safe.
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Classification	Horticulture > Amenity Horticulture
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Available grade	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 Tools, equipment and machinery may include but are 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/front-end loader; skidsteer loader; excavator; tractor; truck.

- 4 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Prepare to consolidate a collapsed grave.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify and document visible signs of grave collapse or any exposed surfaces.
- Range may include but is not limited to – fretting from top edge, slump in the surface near an excavation, tension cracks, support timbers bowing or creaking.
- 1.2 Identify and explore visible and underlying causes of grave collapse.
- Range may include but is not limited to – air, vibration, water, loadings on top of ground (machinery, people, soil), soil type or condition.
- 1.3 Prepare and use personal protective equipment.
- Range may include but is not limited to – protective clothing, head protection, foot protection, eye protection, ear protection, sun protection, two-way radio.
- 1.4 Identify and control safety hazards.
- Range may include but is 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.
- 1.5 Select and assemble tools, equipment, and machinery consistent with job requirements, check for serviceability and report any faults.
- 1.6 Place protective restraints to limit access to the site to authorised personnel.
- Range may include but is not limited to – sheeting, barricades, temporary fencing and reinforced covers.

Outcome 2

Make ground safe.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Identify and select in discussion with the appropriate person, shoring system or other method of stemming the ground collapse.
- Range shoring system may include but is not limited to – spreaders; boards; hydraulic braces; stabilisers; timber of correct grade, size and type;
appropriate person may include but is not limited to – a supervisor, a foreperson, a leading hand, or a funeral director.
- 2.2 Install shoring system to make grave safe.

2.3 Use tools, equipment, and machinery consistent with job requirements.

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Comments on this unit standard

Please contact Muka Tangata - People, Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council qualifications@mukatangata.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.