

<b>Title</b>	<b>Prepare for and perform disinterment</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to prepare for: disinterment, and perform the disinterment of a deceased person
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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.

*Certified ladder* refers to ladders that comply with the relevant New Zealand standard and should be labelled according available at [www.worksafe.govt.nz](http://www.worksafe.govt.nz).

*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 – mechanical/hydraulic bracing equipment; 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; lowering/lifting device.
  
- 4 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with workplace procedures.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Prepare for disinterment.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Identify applicable legislation and regulations regarding disinterment and take measures as required to ensure compliance.
- 1.2 Identify the grave site on cemetery map or plan and check physical location against names of neighbouring plots as reference.
- 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, respirator with communication device attached.
- 1.4 Select and assemble tools, equipment, and machinery in consultation with supervisor, check for serviceability, and report any faults.
- 1.5 Identify and control safety hazards in conjunction with supervisor.
- 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.
- 1.6 Place protective restraints to limit access to the site to unauthorised personnel.
- Range may include but is not limited to – sheeting, barricades, temporary fencing, reinforced covers.

**Outcome 2**

Perform the disinterment of a deceased person.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Communicate with supervisor to identify the role in performing the disinterment.
- 2.2 Perform disinterment in accordance with supervisor's instructions, health and safety procedures, and infection control practices.
- Range infection control practices may include but are not limited to – using personal protective equipment, sterilising tools and equipment, use of disinfectants, safe removal and disposal of soiled/contaminated materials, safe ventilation, immunisation, seeking medical advice, recording injury and incidence, providing a first aid kit, performing first aid if necessary.
- 2.3 Undertake entry and exit to and from confined spaces as required using a certified ladder.

- 2.4 Enclose remains of the deceased person and coffin or casket in appropriate casing as required in accordance with supervisor's instructions.
- 2.5 Transfer remains as required in accordance with supervisor's instructions.

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

#### Comments on this unit standard

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