Title	Demonstrate knowledge of hazard classifications and adverse effects for flammable gases and aerosols		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	This unit standard is intended for people who are the certified handlers in their workplace, under the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017, and who are involved in the manufacture and use of hazardous substances.
	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of hazard classifications for flammable gases and aerosols, and identify adverse effects associated with flammable gases and aerosols.

Classification	Occupational Health and Safety > Hazardous Substances and Materials
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 References

Legislative requirements applicable to unit standard include – Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017, and Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.

2 Definitions

Certified handler – a person who is qualified to handle very hazardous substances. A certified handler may also provide guidance and assistance to other people handling the substances.

Hazardous substance – any substance that has one or more of the following properties (explosive, flammable, tendency to oxidize, corrosive, toxic, eco-toxic) when above specified levels. A hazardous substance can have more than one hazardous property such as petrol which is flammable and toxic.

Organisational requirements – instructions to staff on policies and procedures which are documented in memo or manual format. These requirements include but are not limited to – site-specific requirements and any company quality management requirements.

3 Certified handlers are not responsible for classifying hazardous substances and it is not their responsibility or duty to draw/mark a hazardous zone on a site plan.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of hazard classifications for flammable gases and aerosols.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Hazard classifications for flammable gases and aerosols are identified and described in terms of the properties for flammable gases and aerosols.
- 1.2 Flammable gases and aerosol phases, pressures and lifecycles are described in accordance with legislative requirements.

Outcome 2

Identify adverse effects associated with flammable gases and aerosols.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Adverse effects associated with the use and misuse of flammable gases and aerosols are identified and described in accordance with legislative and organisational requirements.
- 2.2 Precautions required to prevent unintended adverse effects associated with the use of flammable gases and aerosols, are described in accordance with legislative and organisational requirements.

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