

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate knowledge of hazard classifications and adverse effects for toxic substances</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of hazard classifications for toxic substances, and identify adverse effects associated with toxic substances.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Occupational Health and Safety > Hazardous Substances and Materials
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 **References**  
 Legislative requirements in this 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* – someone 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, ability to oxidize, corrosiveness, toxicity, ecotoxicity) 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.  
*Toxic substances* refer to toxic, corrosive, eco toxic and explosive toxic substances.
  
- 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 toxic substances.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Hazard classifications for explosive substances are identified and described in terms of the properties for toxic, corrosive and eco-toxic substances.
- 1.2 Toxic, corrosive and eco-toxic substances phases, pressures and lifecycles are described in terms of their categories and legislative requirements.

### Outcome 2

Identify adverse effects associated with toxic substances.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Adverse effects associated with the use and misuse of toxic, corrosive and eco-toxic substances are identified and described in accordance with legislative and organisational requirements.

Range evidence is required of a minimum of three different adverse effects.

- 2.2 Precautions required to prevent unintended adverse effects associated with the use of storing toxic, corrosive and eco-toxic substances are described in accordance with legislative and organisational requirements.

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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0121
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