

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of SCADA systems in the Electricity Supply power system		
Level	3	Credits	2

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the meaning of the term SCADA and the purpose, components and equipment used in a SCADA system; describe the operational functions that SCADA provides in a specific work area within a power system network; and describe the purpose of and read and interpret single line SCADA diagrams in the electricity supply power system.
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Classification	Electricity Supply > Electricity Supply - Power System Management
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Evidence presented for assessment against this unit standard must be consistent with safe working practices and be in accordance with applicable legislative and industry requirements.
- 2 Legislation, regulations and/or industry standards relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Electricity Act 1992;
 - Electricity (Safety) Regulations 2010, available at www.legislation.govt.nz;
 - Electricity supply industry codes of practice and documented enterprise procedures, including Electricity Engineers' Association *Safety Manual – Electricity Industry (SM-EI)* (current version) and relevant EEA guides, available at www.eea.co.nz;
 and any subsequent amendments and replacements.
- 3 Definitions

Asset owner refers to a participant who owns or operates assets used for generating or conveying electricity.

Data refers to information in a written or numerical form. The latter may include summary statistics, information in tables, and numbers displayed in a variety of graphs.

Industry requirements include all asset owner requirements; manufacturers' specifications; and enterprise requirements which may include the documented workplace policies, procedures, specifications, business, and quality management requirements relevant to the workplace in which assessment is carried out.

SCADA – Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system used for control, indication, and monitoring purposes.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the meaning of the term SCADA and the purpose, components and equipment used in a SCADA system.

Performance criteria

1.1 The meaning of each term in the abbreviation, SCADA, is described.

1.2 The purpose of a SCADA system in the electricity supply industry is described.

Range includes but is not limited to – data acquisition, data communications, data presentation, control, alarm monitoring and diagnostics, security.

1.3 The main components and equipment that are used in a SCADA system are described.

Range may include but is not limited to – field devices, remote telemetry units (RTU's), programmable logic controllers (PLC's), communication networks and interfaces, operator interfaces, I/O (input/output) sub systems, communication mediums and hardware, SCADA software; evidence of five is required.

Outcome 2

Describe the operational functions that SCADA provides in a specific work area within a power system network.

Performance criteria

2.1 Types of information provided to the user is described.

Range may include but is not limited to – alarms, events, faults, equipment states, switch positions, analogue measured values; evidence of five types of information required.

2.2 Types of user contact encountered in using SCADA are described.

Range may include but is not limited to – data monitoring and trending, activate control function, changing setpoints, tagging I/O, mapping I/O, response to alarms, operator interface functions; evidence of three different types is required.

Outcome 3

Describe the purpose of and read and interpret single line SCADA diagrams in the electricity supply power system.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The purpose of single line SCADA diagrams is described.
- 3.2 Symbols on the single line SCADA diagrams are identified and their meaning is explained.

Range includes but is not limited to – animated graphics, colour standards, symbolic representation, I/O numbering, plant mimic diagrams;
evidence is required for five different types of symbols used in single line SCADA diagrams.

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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 Energy and Infrastructure Industry Skills Board qualifications@energyinfra-skills.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.