

<b>Title</b>	<b>Explain hazards, injury prevention strategies and injury reporting requirements in the cleaning industry</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is designed for workers in the cleaning industry.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: explain hazards and how to prevent injuries in the cleaning industry; demonstrate safe manual handling techniques; and explain the requirements for reporting injuries.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Cleaning and Caretaking > Cleaning Skills
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Competence demonstrated during assessment against this unit standard must comply with the requirements of:  
Employment Relations Act 2000;  
Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;  
Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;  
Resource Management Act 1991.
- 2 Equipment and cleaning agents must be used in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- 3 Assessment against this unit standard may include either written or verbal explanations.
- 4 This unit standard may be assessed in either the workplace or a provider environment.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Explain hazards in the cleaning industry.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 The explanation includes how working on one task for long periods of time can be a hazard in the cleaning industry.

1.2 The explanation includes how individual factors can contribute to injuries in the cleaning industry.

Range individual factors may include but are not limited to – age, weight, physical build, flexibility, strength, skill.

1.3 The explanation includes how lighting can contribute to injuries in the cleaning industry.

1.4 The explanation includes how stretching and twisting can contribute to injuries in the cleaning industry.

1.5 The explanation includes how the use of poor techniques when equipment is handled manually can contribute to injuries in the cleaning industry.

## Outcome 2

Explain how to prevent injuries in the cleaning industry.

### Performance criteria

2.1 The explanation includes how physical fitness can help prevent injuries in the cleaning industry.

Range attributes of physical fitness may include but is not limited to – flexibility, good posture, strength and good health.

2.2 The explanation includes which equipment can be used to minimise potential injuries in the cleaning industry.

Range equipment may include but is not limited to – trolleys, extendable dusters and mops, and extendable vacuum cleaner pipes.

2.3 The explanation includes strategies for preventing back injuries in the cleaning industry.

Range strategies may include but are not limited to – split loads, adjusting vacuum pipes to height, pace, taking regular breaks.

## Outcome 3

Demonstrate safe manual handling techniques.

### Performance criteria

3.1 Cleaning is carried out using equipment to minimise potential injuries.

Range equipment may include but is not limited to – trolleys, extendable dusters and mops, extendable vacuum cleaner pipes.

3.2 Cleaning is carried out using strategies for preventing back injuries.

Range strategies may include but are not limited to – split loads, adjusting vacuum pipes to height, pace, taking regular breaks.

#### Outcome 4

Explain the requirements for reporting injuries.

#### Performance criteria

4.1 Reporting requirements for injuries occurring at work are explained in accordance with organisational requirements.

Range reporting requirements may include but are not limited to – timing, documentation and reporting.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard and unit standard 28354 replaced unit standard 7442.
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<b>Planned review date</b>	31 December 2021
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#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	17 July 2014	N/A
Rollover and Revision	2	22 August 2019	N/A

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0024
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

#### Comments on this unit standard

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