

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate knowledge of and apply site-specific health and safety requirements when working as a cleaner</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>People credited with this standard are able to, when working as a cleaner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrate knowledge of site-specific health and safety requirements; and</li> <li>• apply site-specific health and safety requirements.</li> </ul>
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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

- Assessment conditions**

All tasks must be carried out in accordance with own role and responsibilities, organisational policies and procedures, and industry best practice.
- Recommended skills and knowledge prior to attempting this unit standard:** Unit 28354, *Demonstrate knowledge of cleaning product risks, and strategies to maintain safety*; and Unit 28355, *Demonstrate knowledge of injury prevention, safe manual handling, and reporting procedures when working as a cleaner*, or demonstrate equivalent skills and knowledge.
- Definitions**

*Cleaning equipment* may include floor cleaning equipment, bucket and mop, microfibre mop, brush and shovel, toilet brush, colour-coded cloth, disposable cloth, microfibre duster, spray bottle, vacuum cleaner (including parts), and caddies and/or single station units.

*Cleaning products* include substances used to remove foreign material (e.g. dirt, grease, oil, fat, dust), and organic material (e.g. blood, bacteria, fungi, viruses).

*Hazardous waste* may include – sharps; biohazards; infectious waste; waste contaminated with chemicals, poisons, germs, or infected human products; water with cleaning agents in it, undiluted cleaning agents, any cleaning by-products that could damage the environment.

*Industry best practice* refers to guidelines, standards, and practices that represent the most efficient or sensible course of action in a given situation. Best practice can follow legal and regulatory requirements, industry standards, and may form part of the scope of organisational policies and procedures.

*Organisational policies and procedures* are the policies, procedures, and methodologies used in an organisation. They include legislative and regulatory requirements which may apply across an organisation, a specific site, or a workplace. Requirements are documented in organisational health and safety plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies, and procedural documents such as job descriptors and employment contracts.

*Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)* refers to clothing or equipment used to protect against hazards (e.g. coveralls, protective eyewear, footwear, gloves, gowns, hearing protection, masks, uniform).

*Site* refers to a building, or one part of a building, with different requirements for different areas (e.g. treatment rooms, triage rooms, wards, offices, manufacturing sites, factories, retail environments).

*Site-specific health and safety requirements* refer to the organisational health and safety standards specific to a site where a cleaner is working.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of site-specific health and safety requirements when working as a cleaner.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 A site-specific health and safety risk assessment is undertaken.
- 1.2 Site-specific hazards are identified and risks are mitigated.

### Outcome 2

Apply site-specific health and safety requirements when working as a cleaner.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Cleaning products and equipment are selected to mitigate identified health and safety risks.
- 2.2 Appropriate PPE is used.
- 2.3 Health and safety incidents, accidents, and injuries, are recorded and reported.
- 2.4 Hazardous waste is secured and disposed of.

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#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	21 April 2016	31 December 2023

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Review	2	28 October 2021	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>.

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### Comments on this unit standard

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