

Title	Assist with preparation of manual grave digging, carry out and reinstate the grave site		
Level	2	Credits	10

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: assist with preparation for manual grave digging for body burials, assist to carry out manual grave digging, and assist to reinstate the grave site following burial.
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Burial and Cremation Act 1964;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Burial and Cremation (Removal of Monuments and Tablets) Regulations 1967;
 - New Zealand Standards 4242:2018 - Headstones and Cemetery Monuments; and any subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definitions

A *grave site* is a place of burial, above and below ground, immediately in front of, and including a headstone, where a casket or body is buried. The grave site may or may not be formally identified.

Workplace procedures refer to instructions to staff on policies and procedures on safety and operation set down by the employer or host organisation for safe practices when preparing for and carrying out manual grave digging and reinstating the grave site following burial. Workplace procedures must include legislative requirements.
- 3 Assessment should include both single and double depth burials.
- 4 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with workplace procedures.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Assist with preparing for manual grave digging for body burials.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Secure the site.
- 1.2 Mark the site out.
- 1.3 Remove adornments that threaten the stability of the work site or inhibit access.
- 1.4 Identify above and below ground lines of communication.
- 1.5 Use tools and equipment appropriate for the task.
- 1.6 Clean and store tools after use.

Outcome 2

Assist with carrying out manual grave digging.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Dig the grave manually and place displaced earth.
- 2.2 Shore up the grave.
- 2.3 Use tools and equipment appropriate for the task.
- 2.4 Clean and store tools after use.
- 2.5 Tidy the grave area and remove protective equipment in preparation for burial.

Range protective equipment may include but is not limited to – sheeting, barricades, temporary fencing.

Outcome 3

Assist to reinstate the grave site following burial.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Secure the site.
- 3.2 Backfill the grave.
- 3.3 Replace adjacent adornments that were removed during preparation.
- 3.5 Carry out duties and communicate with the public in a respectful manner.
- 3.6 Report workplace information relating to working on or around grave sites to a supervisor.

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Comments on this unit standard

Please contact Muka Tangata - People, Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council qualifications@mukatangata.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.