Title	Prepare for laying brick veneers		
Level	4	Credits	8

Purpose	This unit standard is intended for people working in the brick and block laying industry.	
	People credited with this unit standards are able to prepare for laying brick veneers to the level required of a commercially competent brick and block laying trade professional.	

Classification	Masonry > Brick and Block Laying
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 Assessment

This unit standard is one of a family of standards intended to align with the *New Zealand Certificate in Trowel Trades – Specifications*, and the New Zealand Certificate in Trowel Trades (Level 4) with strands in Brick and Block Laying, Floor and Wall Tiling, Proprietary Plaster Cladding Systems, Ferro-cement Tank Manufacture, Refractory Installation, and Solid Plastering (with optional strands in Fixing Cavities and Substrates, and Decorative Mouldings) [Ref: 3137].

Evidence for this unit standard must reflect commercial competence.

Commercial competence requires a candidate to be capable of consistently performing the requirements of the skill specification:

- to current regulatory, industry and commercial standards
- within a commercially viable timeframe
- in commercial environments
- without supervision
- in different and unfamiliar contexts.

Commercial competence must be corroborated and confirmed by a person who has current expertise in the brick and block laying trade.

2 Definitions

Job documentation refers to approved plans for the specific work to be carried out. Job specifications provides detailed guidance on how the work is to be carried out. Workplace procedures refer to the documented procedures specific to a workplace which sets out the standard and the required practices of that workplace.

3 Legislation, standards and guidance information relevant to this standard includes the following, and any subsequent amendments and replacements:

New Zealand Certificate in Trowel Trades – Specifications, BCITO, August 2021, available from www.WaihangaAraRau.nz.

Legislation accessed at www.legislation.govt.nz

- Building Act 2004,
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015,
- The New Zealand Building Code.

Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment accessed at www.building.govt.nz

- E2/AS1 External Moisture, 9.2 Masonry Veneer.

Standards accessed at www.standards.govt.nz

- NZS 4210:2001 Masonry construction: Materials and workmanship
- SNZ HB 4236:2002 Masonry veneer wall cladding.

Best practice and good practice guidelines

- Master Brick and Blocklayers. (2022). Brick Veneer Best Practice Guide
- The Absolutely Essential Health and Safety Toolkit for Small Construction Sites, and other Worksafe NZ publications available from www.worksafe.govt.nz.

Skill specification and performance level guidance

Skill specification

Prepare for laying brick veneers.

Knowledge

The site set up requirements in readiness for laying brick veneers.

The required characteristics of foundations constructed as the base for brick veneers.

Range includes – line, level, plumb, acceptable tolerances, condition of damp proof course.

The required characteristics of the building substrate prepared for laying brick veneers.

Range includes – line, level, plumb, condition of wrap, allowance for cavity, flashing systems, position of penetrations and services, footing overhang, waterproofing.

The requirements to remove existing brick veneers for repairs without impact to the remaining structures.

Range includes – chiselling out a single brick, toothing out.

Skills

Set up the site ready for laying brick veneers.

Inspect and confirm suitability of foundation and building substrate ready for laying brick veneers.

Range includes – line, level, plumb;

suitability of foundations includes – condition of damp proof course; suitability of substrates includes – condition of wrap, allowance for cavity, flashing systems, position of penetrations and services, waterproofing.

Check quality, quantity, consistency and finish of delivered materials.

Prepare materials ready for laying brick veneers.

Range includes – stacking, blending, re-positioning, covering, protecting.

Remove existing laid brick veneers for minor repairs.

Range includes – chiselling out a single brick, toothing out.

Performance level guidance

Performance must reflect workplace procedures, legislative requirements, New Zealand Standards, best practice guides, job documentation, and job specifications relevant to laying brick veneers.

Brick veneers may also include 90 series veneer blocks.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Registration	1	25 August 2022	N/A

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0048

This CMR can be accessed at http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do.

Comments on this unit standard

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