
Overview

This standard covers the competences you need to formulate national policy for explosive substances and articles in accordance with approved procedures and practices.

You will be required to demonstrate that you can establish the extent to which a relevant national policy currently exists, identifying areas for improvement in the existing national policy in accordance with approved procedures and practices.

This activity is likely to be undertaken by someone whose work role involves Weapons, Ordnance, Munitions or Explosives work activities. This includes individuals working as explosives safety managers, advisers and regulators.

Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 work safely at all times, complying with health and safety, environmental and other relevant regulations, legislation and guidelines
 - P2 establish the extent to which a relevant national policy currently exists
 - P3 identify areas for improvement in the existing national policy
 - P4 identify the need for new policy where none currently exists
 - P5 recommend changes that address the areas for improvement
 - P6 establish the constraints that may influence the policy
 - P7 evaluate the potential impact of the proposed policy
 - P8 secure commitment from appropriate stakeholders to the proposed policy
 - P9 review periodically the extent to which the policy delivers requirements
 - P10 confirm that your recommendations, and their implications, are clearly understood
 - P11 publish the policy in the appropriate format

Knowledge and understanding

- You need to know and understand:*
- K1 the health, safety and environmental and other statutory legislation, regulations and safe working practices and procedures governing explosives and their implications for your area of work
 - K2 the relevance of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - K3 the nature, characteristics, hazards and risks of the explosive
 - K4 the actions to be taken in response to an unplanned event
 - K5 the interface between the explosives safety policy and other relevant safety and environmental policies
 - K6 the nature of any constraints
 - K7 best practice in explosives safety management
 - K8 the acceptability of risk to society relating to explosives
 - K9 key organizations in the explosives industry, and the nature of their interest
 - K10 the stakeholders and the nature of their interest
 - K11 the potential impact of your recommendations
 - K12 the role and mechanisms of the consultative process

Scope/range

1. National policy: where no policy exists; where amendments are needed
2. Potential impact: safety; environmental; societal; financial; feasibility of the policy

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