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Control Water Usage Efficiency within Sustainable Business Practice



Overview

This standard is about supporting sustainable business practice through the implementation of programmes to improve water efficiency. It includes being able to understand the importance of water efficiency; establishing and maintaining measures that support water efficiency; informing others of their responsibilities; monitoring work practices and identifying and effectively dealing with any inefficient activities. The standard also requires the application of effective communication techniques. An understanding of the importance of water efficiency, water recycling and reuse is essential to this standard.

This unit is for you, if you have responsibility for supporting efficient water usage for a functional area or process within an organisation.

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Practice

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 obtain and interpret organisational water usage **targets**
- P2 inform **others** accurately of their responsibilities in relation to organisational **targets** that promote efficient water usage
- P3 ensure water usage complies with organisational **targets**, quality specifications and legal requirements
- P4 ensure working practices make efficient use of water
- P5 monitor the working practices and evaluate water usage and efficiency
- P6 support **others** to avoid wasting water
- P7 encourage **others** positively to overcome **barriers** and improve working practices and water efficiency
- P8 provide training and development opportunities to improve water efficiency
- P9 identify opportunities to encourage **others** to adopt more water efficient working practices
- P10 identify and take action to control any potential sources of water pollution within area of responsibility
- P11 develop and communicate recommendations for efficiency improvements to **others**
- P12 present clear recommendations that support the further development of water efficiency, at an appropriate time and with the right level of detail

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the role of water efficiency in achieving sustainability
- K2 the impact of water usage on the environment
- K3 how the effective management of water supports sustainable business practices
- K4 organisational water quality standards
- K5 how legislation impacts on the organisation's water extraction, usage and disposal
- K6 how water is obtained, treated, used and discharged by the organisation
- K7 organisational targets for water usage and efficiency
- K8 the benefits of efficient water usage to the organisation
- K9 how and why water usage is monitored and controlled within area of responsibility
- K10 how the effective management and organisation of work can help minimise water usage
- K11 how staff training and development can help to maintain the effective utilisation of water
- K12 organisational procedures for water extraction, storage, treatment, recycling, reuse and discharge
- K13 how to identify and control potential sources of water pollution within area of responsibility
- K14 how water usage is controlled and minimised within area of responsibility
- K15 how the actions of others can impact on water usage
- K16 the barriers that can limit the impact of water management and how these barriers can be overcome
- K17 how failure to meet organisational quality specifications can impact on water usage
- K18 effective methods of communication for area of responsibility

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Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

Barriers can be economic, practical, the personal beliefs and attitudes of people, social or legal

Targets relating to efficient water use, water recycling and reuse

Others can be: colleagues, customers and contractors

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