

Overview

This standard is for those who finish textile items following the dry-cleaning process. You will also be responsible for inspecting finished items to check they meet organisational quality standards and rectifying any issues with items.

This standard is for dry cleaning operatives.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 select the correct finishing equipment to be used for the textile item
- P2 check that the finishing equipment is safe and ready to use
- P3 check that items are suitable for finishing and redirect if unsuitable
- P4 adjust the machinery to suit the item you are to finish
- P5 take precautions before steaming and ironing to protect the item and trim to avoid damage
- P6 process the item using the finishing equipment
- P7 correct distortions and restore shape to items during finishing
- P8 ensure finishing of sensitive fibres and textiles is in line with care labels
- P9 inspect the item following finishing to ensure it meets the organisation's finishing requirements
- P10 identify items that do not meet organisational finishing requirements and deal with these
- P11 identify any problems that may arise during the finishing process and report these

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the advantages and disadvantages of different types of finishing equipment
- K2 what the specific hazards with finishing are
- K3 the correct steam pressures, vacuum services and lighting requirements needed
- K4 the requirements for adequate air extraction during finishing
- K5 how to use the finishing equipment/press buck clothing requirements and ancillary tools
- K6 the iron temperature adjustments and ironing/steaming techniques relative to different fabrics
- K7 how to interpret care labels
- K8 the value of vacuum in finishing
- K9 how different fibres, fabrics and item construction can affect the finishing process
- K10 how to care for buttons, trim, accessories and fastenings
- K11 checking and adjusting the press locking pressure if applicable
- K12 how to apply additional finishes where appropriate
- K13 statutory responsibilities under health, safety and environmental legislation and regulations during the dry cleaning process

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