

Overview

This standard identifies the competencies you need to prepare digital imaging equipment and software for use and establish limits and constraints of digital imaging equipment and software. You will be required to demonstrate that you can identify the correct equipment and software and the limits of the equipment and software to undertake the imaging tasks assigned to you. You must be able to understand and carry out quality checks on equipment and software as part of the preparation process. The activity will likely be undertaken by someone in a science-related work setting, including those working in hospitals, scientific laboratories and universities.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1. use safe practices and the appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE) meeting organisational requirements
- P2. establish digital imaging requirements in line with organisational requirements
- P3. select the most suitable equipment and software to undertake the digital image task
- P4. ensure digital imaging equipment and software are calibrated to meet the organisational requirements
- P5. set up equipment and software in preparation to undertake the digital image task meeting organisational requirements
- P6. undertake organisational quality checks of equipment and software to ensure readiness for digital imaging activity in line with organisational requirements
- P7. complete all the required documentation in accordance with organisational requirements

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1. the health and safety requirements of the area in which you are carrying out the digital imaging activities
 K2. legislation, regulations, standards and guidelines relating to digital imaging activities and the implications for not following them
 K3. how to identify appropriate equipment and software required to undertake the digital imaging task
 K4. the organisational quality assurance processes you must use on the equipment and software prior to undertaking the digital imaging task
 K5. the workplace coding system and the importance of using them
 K6. the organisational requirements that exist for the use and application of licensed computer software, anti-virus and antispy software protection
 K7. the organisational requirements that exist on data protection and the data protection act
 K8. the lines of communication and responsibilities in your department, and the links with the rest of the organisation
 K11. the limits of your own authority and to whom you should report if you have problems that you cannot resolve
 K12. what standard operating procedures apply and why it is important to follow them at all times
 K13. organisational requirements for safety and security precautions when working with digital equipment
 K14. how to identify and select the correct software package from the onscreen menu
 K15. how to deal with equipment and software problems within the limits of your own responsibility
 K16. how to use the software to perform required operations for organisations requirements
 K17. why it is important to create backup copies of software and to file them in a separate and safe location away from electromagnetic sources in accordance with organisational procedures
 K18. the organisational document control and reporting procedures that should be used
 K19. the reasons why effective communication is important, and the methods used for communicating effectively
 K20. the importance of communication and transferring knowledge and information in accordance with organisational requirements

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