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## Overview

This standard covers the competences you need to identify and gather the information on explosive substances and/or articles in accordance with approved procedures and practices.

You will be required to demonstrate that you can confirm the type and range of the information to be gathered in line with the research specification. Identifying all sources that can provide the necessary information 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 researchers, designers and developers.

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## 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 confirm the type and range of information to be gathered in line with the research specification
  - P3 identify all sources that can provide the necessary information
  - P4 explain clearly the purpose of the enquiry to potential providers of information whilst maintaining confidentiality
  - P5 follow the correct procedures when accessing information
  - P6 identify and report promptly any obstacles to the collection of information
  - P7 ensure that the information you gather is accurate and up to date
  - P8 record the information and its source
  - P9 report your findings in the correct format

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## 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 substances and/or articles
  - K4 the actions to be taken in response to an unplanned event
  - K5 your team's objectives, and the purpose of the research specification
  - K6 the different types of information, and how to access them
  - K7 to whom to report problems and issues
  - K8 your own level of authority, and that of others with whom you work
  - K9 the requirements of confidentiality
  - K10 the correct format for reporting information

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**Scope/range**

1. Information sources: databases; published sources
2. Obstacles: when information is not readily available; confidentiality
3. Reporting formats: written; verbal

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