

## Manage the test of explosive substances and/or articles

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### Overview

This standard covers the competences you need to in manage the test of explosive substances and/or articles accordance with approved procedures and practices.

You will be required to demonstrate that you can review the conduct of the test and deliverables with the customer, delivering the objectives within budget and/or timescales 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 people working as test and evaluation supervisors.

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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 ensure that safe systems of work are in place
  - P3 approve and/or authorize test plans that are fit for purpose and meet the specified requirements
  - P4 review the conduct of the test and deliverables with the customer
  - P5 communicate the plan appropriately
  - P6 allocate responsibilities appropriately
  - P7 deliver the objectives within budget and/or timescale
  - P8 respond to developing events and priorities, in accordance with procedures
  - P9 obtain approval to amendments made to the test plan
  - P10 co-ordinate the activities of other resources
  - P11 segregate and dispose of the process residues and products in accordance with approved procedures
  - P12 ensure that the site is suitably remediated and the equipment recovered post-task
  - P13 give clear and accurate technical advice
  - P14 maintain the requirements of confidentiality at all times
  - P15 adhere to the relevant quality standards
  - P16 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, 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 substance and/or article
  - K4 the test objectives
  - K5 the functioning of the item being tested
  - K6 how to assess hazards and mitigate risk
  - K7 how to adapt, design and validate test procedures
  - K8 the competences of the personnel involved
  - K9 the availability of resources and any constraints attached to them
  - K10 monitoring techniques relevant to the test
  - K11 the actions that may be appropriate in response to unplanned or developing events and imperatives
  - K12 who needs to be informed of the test plan and the nature of their interest
  - K13 how to consign residues and other products for disposal
  - K14 your own level of authority
  - K15 the relevant quality standards and compliance regime
  - K16 any confidentiality requirements
  - K17 the factors relevant to assuring quality

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**Scope/range**

1. Resources: full; limited; external
2. Maintaining the integrity of the process: quality assurance; test plan
3. Relationships: the customer; external organizations; your organization; the test team
4. Complexity: new tests; existing tests

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