Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with PPM Pulp and Paper Manufacturing Training Package Version 3.0. |

| PPMCSK3XX | Operate process control equipment |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to operate process control equipment in a pulp or paper manufacturing facility.  The unit applies to production operators and technicians who access, monitor and control and process control equipment including responding to process variations and problems involved in working within an operating environment with complex integrated equipment and continuous operations  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Computer/Process Control Equipment (CSK) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Access and navigate control system | 1.1 Receive and give shift handover  1.2 Identify, control and report safety risks and hazards  1.3. Identify and check operational status of control system  1.4 Use control screens to access control system  1.5 Navigate control system to meet job and specifications requirements |
| 2. Monitor and control process | 2.1 Monitor key variables frequently using control screen/s to check process status  2.2 Make equipment adjustments using process control systems according to operating and work health and safety procedures |
| 3. Respond to process variations and problems | 3.1 Identify process variations through faulty signal sources  3.2 Adjust equipment in response to process variations and alarms and specifications requirements  3.3 Report process variations according to organisational procedures |

| Foundation Skills  This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Interpret information from a range of workplace documentation including standard operating procedures, operation manuals, checklists, drawings and signage |
| Writing | * Record shift data using log books or computer systems * Record equipment malfunctions and product or part deviations using clear language and industry terminology |
| Communication | * Respond to non-verbal signals including hand signals and alarms |
| Numeracy | * Interpret numerical readings on instruments and gauges * Interpret symbols used in process controls |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| PPMCSK3XX Operate process control equipment | PPMCSK310 Operate process control equipment | Changes to performance criteria, foundation skills. Assessment requirements updated. | Equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for PPMCSK3XX Operate process control equipment |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.  There must be evidence that the individual has safely operated process control equipment for at least two operational intervals, associated with one of the following integrated systems:   * primary resources processes * waste paper handling processes * waste paper operations processes * pulping processes * chemical recovery systems * stock preparation systems * wet end processes * dry end processes * finishing and converting processes * warehousing and dispatch process * water services processes * steam generation processes * electrical power generation processes.   In completing the above, there must also be evidence that the individual has, for the each interval:   * conducted a risk assessment and applied control measures * monitored key variables during the operation of process control equipment including: * speed * output rate * product integrity and general conformance to specification * accessed and navigated control systems * made process adjustments to respond to variations and problems. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * procedures, regulations and workplace requirements relevant to operating process control equipment including: * computer-controlled machine operating procedures * work health and safety requirements, and the use of personal protective equipment in relation to handling materials, equipment operation and clean up * hazard identification and control procedures * standard operating procedures * isolation procedures * procedures for identifying and reporting equipment malfunctions, and product or part deviations * risk management using the hierarchy of controls applied to the operation of computer-controlled machines and processes * symbols used in process controls * materials, equipment and process sufficient to recognise material and equipment conditions which may lead to out of specification production * effect of adjustments on part or product specifications. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * skills must be demonstrated in a pulp or paper manufacturing facility or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * computer systems * electronic screens and alarms * process control equipment and systems * analogue and digital instrumentation * personal protective equipment * specifications: * workplace and operating procedures relevant to operating process control equipment, work health and safety requirements.   Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. |

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