

Overview

This standard describes the skill and knowledge requirements for those who are involved in evaluating and making recommendations on an environmental policy. An environmental policy is a written statement summarising the organisation's intentions with regard to environmental performance.

This standard would be appropriate for:

- A manager with responsibility for environmental management and/or sustainability
- An owner/manager of a business seeking to improve the environmental performance of the organisation
- An individual with a specific brief to develop an environmental policy
- An environmental management systems co-ordinator or equivalent
- A consultant providing environmental advice.

This standard covers the evaluation of an environmental policy with the intention of recommending improvements.

It also covers making recommendations for improving the environmental policy and communicating these to interested parties including top management.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 Evaluate an environmental policy
- P2 Identify internal and external organisational commitments applicable to the organisation's significant environmental aspects and impacts
- P3 Evaluate existing environmental policies and internal and external organisational commitments applicable to the organisation's significant environmental aspects and impacts
- P4 Recognise relevant interested parties and seek their views on the content of an environmental policy
- P5 Identify improvements to the environmental policy with respect to environmental performance
- P6 Ensure your findings are valid, recorded in a suitable format and based on recognised guidelines, applicable legislation and good practice.
- P7 Make recommendations concerning an environmental policy
- P8 Encourage feedback from interested parties on the policy recommendations
- P9 Ensure that the policy recommendations include a commitment to continual improvement in environmental performance
- P10 Ensure that the policy recommendations provide a framework for environmental objectives
- P11 Ensure the policy recommendations are clear and appropriate to the nature and scale of the organisation and are in a suitable format for interested parties including top management
- P12 Communicate the policy recommendations to interested parties including top management
- P13 Prepare policy recommendations and ensure that they are based on the organisation's significant environmental aspects and impacts, applicable legislation, good practice and are consistent with other organisational commitments.

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 The purpose of the environmental policy
- K2 Guidelines and good practice relating to the content of an environmental policy
- K3 How to recognise areas where an existing environmental policy can be improved
- K4 The importance of continual improvement with respect to environmental performance
- K5 The significant environmental impacts of the organisation
- K6 The requirements of environmental legislation of relevance to the organisation
- K7 The existing organisational commitments applicable to the environmental aspects and impacts and the content of existing environmental policies of the organisation
- K8 The systems in place, if any, for evaluating an environmental policy
- K9 Methods available for evaluating an environmental policy
- K10 How to engage interested parties in the evaluation process
- K11 Good practice in environmental management.

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