

#### **Overview**

This standard is about determining from the job sheet/card supplied by the prescribing clinician what components will be needed to manufacture the routine custom made device. The standard depends on you being able to understand the format and information supplied and being able to interpret it correctly. Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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## Performance criteria

You must be able to:	P1	<ul> <li>analyse the prescription and model and identify:</li> <li>P1.1 the materials that will be needed to produce the components</li> <li>P1.2 the components that will be needed to achieve the required function</li> </ul>
		P1.3 the manufacturing process(es) that will be required to produce the components
		P1.4 the optimum position and form of components
	P2	design a device that:
		P2.1 has the potential to achieve the required function for the service user
		P2.2 incorporates sufficient retention and support
		P2.3 achieves the best possible balance between function and aesthetics
	P3	contact the relevant person without delay if it is not feasible to produce the components and propose alternative options for the design of the components and the device
	P4	evaluate whether the model needs to be modified to design and
		manufacture the required components
	P5	evaluate the model and design and decide on the basis of the prescription, time and function:
		P5.1 where pre-formed components can be used within the device
		P5.2 which components will need to be custom-made
	P6	identify and select any pre-formed components which are required, make any modifications to them that are allowable and necessary to ensure that they will perform the correct function, and confirm that they are fit for purpose
	P7	select material for and form the routine custom-made components to the required design and size
	P8	check components during preparation to confirm that: P8.1 they fit to the model
		<ul><li>P8.2 they will not damage surrounding tissues</li><li>P8.3 they comply with the prescription and design</li><li>P8.4 make any adjustments which are required</li></ul>
	P9	use working methods and systems throughout the process which: P9.1 promote health and safety P9.2 reduce the risk of infection and contamination
	P10	are consistent with the assessed risks

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# Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:	K1	the reasons for maintaining records throughout the process and of
		clearly identifying the products during the manufacturing process
	K2	the organisational procedures and requirements for the recording of
		information about incoming work, work in progress and work delivered,
		and the purpose of this
	K3	quality audit systems, their purpose, nature and procedures, impact of
		the relevant regulatory body, currently the Medicine and Healthcare
		Regulatory Authority, on the recording of incoming work, the detailed
		design and manufacturing specification and the recording of materials
		and processes
	K4	the principles of quality assurance, processes and procedures for quality
		assurance in your workplace
	K5	the methods used for setting and calibrating equipment and of testing
		that this is correct
	K6	the effects of modifying manufacturers' components and products to
		meet production/usage requirements on the physical properties of the
		components/products and the legal implications
	K7	the relevant regulatory body, currently the Medicine and Healthcare
		Regulatory Authority, in monitoring the progress of devices through the
		production process
	K8	health and safety at work legislation and related procedures and liability,
		principles of, and how to apply legislation and regulations
	K9	the characteristics, properties and the processing of the following
		commonly used materials:
		K9.1 metals
		K9.2 plastics: thermoforming, thermosetting, composites
		K9.3 wood
		K9.4 leather
		K9.5 plaster of Paris
		K9.6 adhesives
		K9.7 fabrics
		K9.8 foams
		K9.9 other materials
	K10	the following:
		K10.1 hand tools: their selection, use and maintenance
		K10.2 measuring instruments: use and methods of application
		K10.3 machine tools: selection, installation, use and maintenance
		K10.4 welding processes and equipment for metals and plastics
		K10.5 sewing machines: selection, use and maintenance
		K10.6 general equipment: ovens, compressors, vacuum formers, fume
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K10.7 workshop layout

- K10.8 health and safety regulations and practice
- K10.9 computers, including CAD/CAM
- K11 the roles and responsibilities of the interdisciplinary team
- K12 ethical considerations in rehabilitation technical services
- K13 prosthetics/orthotics/special seating care systems in the UK
- K14 prosthetic/orthotic/special seating measurement technique
- K15 prosthetic/orthotic/special seating components and their application
- K16 prostheses/orthoses/special seating for a range of conditions
- K17 wheelchair systems and seating alignment
- K18 the musculo-skeletal system
- K19 anatomical terminology in relation to prosthetics/orthotics/special seating
- K20 the anatomical planes and reference points of the body
- K21 the pathological conditions giving rise to prosthetic/orthotic/special seating provision and the relevant terminology
- K22 the following in order to fabricate prosthetic/orthotic devices:
  - K22.1 the interaction of anatomical joints and prosthetic/orthotic joints in relation to centre of joint rotation, ground reaction forces, alignment and forces applied to tissue
- K23 or
  - K23.1 the relationship of the pelvis, spine and knee, including basic tissue mechanics, in order to fabricate special seating systems
- K24 elementary arithmetic and its application and the use of calculators

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#### **Additional Information**

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