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## Overview

This standard describes the skill and knowledge requirements for individuals to develop an awareness of the impact of their activities on the environment and the importance of improving environmental performance within the work area or other activities. These impacts could include any of the following:

- 1 Pollution (land, air, water)
- 2 Climate change
- 3 Resource depletion
- 4 Biodiversity depletion
- 5 Damage to ecosystems

It covers the understanding of environmental practices and policies that affect you, and your ability to identify where improvements could be made. It also covers knowing if activities are in line with environmental practices and encourages the development of environmental awareness in others.

This standard would be appropriate for:

- 1 Small business owners (SME), team leaders, first line managers and workers to support the awareness and improvement of the environmental performance of the organisation
- 2 An individual with a need to understand the impact of their activities on the environment

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## Performance criteria

### *You must be able to:*

- P1 identify how your practices impact on the environment
- P2 identify the environmental policies and practices that are relevant to your activities
- P3 review the positive and negative impact of your activities on the environment
- P4 report any potential negative impact
- P5 encourage others to develop and maintain environmental awareness
- P6 undertake activities and use resources that promote environmental good practice
- P7 identify opportunities to reduce the negative and improve the positive impact on the environment
- P8 communicate the benefits of implementing and maintaining good environmental practice
- P9 encourage feedback from others on environmental practice

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## Knowledge and understanding

### *You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the key issues facing the environment
- K2 the impact of your work or other activities on the environment
- K3 the term 'positive and negative impact'
- K4 your role, responsibility and limits of authority relating to environmental practice
- K5 environmental legal requirements affecting your activities
- K6 existing workplace or other environmental policies
- K7 your social responsibilities in relation to environmental practice
- K8 external and internal sources of information and guidance on environmental performance
- K9 how to recognise areas where environmental practice can be improved
- K10 the importance of organising activities that meet environmental policies
- K11 the importance of selecting resources which minimise environmental impact
- K12 how to communicate good environmental practices to others

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