

Overview

This standard is for those who press and finish textile items using rotary presses, scissor presses or iron and rotary iron. You will also inspect pressed items to confirm these meet the organisation's finishing quality specification.

This standard is for textile care operatives who specialise in pressing and finishing.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 identify the correct method of pressing or finishing for an item and select the equipment to be used
- P2 check that the selected pressing and finishing equipment is safe and ready to use
- P3 check and adjust the locking pressure on scissor presses if required
- P4 assess the efficiency of the vacuum to be used and correct this if required
- P5 press items to the organisation's finishing specification
- P6 inspect items to ensure that they are pressed to organisational quality standards
- P7 identify unsatisfactorily pressed items and deal with these in accordance with organisational procedures
- P8 pass the satisfactory items over for packaging and dispatch
- P9 record details of items pressed and finished in line with organisational procedures

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the correct pressing and finishing equipment to use for different types of items
- K2 how to identify and take action if safety mechanisms malfunction
- K3 what the effects of moisture in finishing are and how to deal with unacceptable levels of moisture retention
- K4 how to interpret care labels
- K5 what the correct steam pressures are for different items
- K6 how different textiles respond to heat and pressure
- K7 the organisation's finishing specification for items
- K8 how to record throughput of items for pressing and finishing
- K9 what the common faults are when pressing and how to deal with them
- K10 statutory responsibilities under health, safety and environmental legislation and regulations during the finishing process

Press and finish textile items following laundry

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