

Overview

This standard is for those who repair and alter textile items. You will be responsible for identifying the type of repair or alteration required, carrying out the repair or alteration and recording the work carried out.

This standard is for alteration machinists.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 identify the type of repair and/or alteration required on the item(s)
- P2 identify and record items for repair in line with organisational procedures
- P3 identify items which are unsuitable for repair, and return or redirect them in line with organisational procedures
- P4 record instructions from customers and finalise, mark and note alterations required on the item
- P5 remove any foreign objects from the item prior to repair or alteration in line with organisational procedures
- P6 identify and sort the workload to make the best use of time and to ensure priority items are repaired
- P7 store items safely prior to and following, repair or alteration
- P8 repair items using the appropriate method for the damage sustained and fabric type
- P9 safely operate repair and alteration equipment in line with organisational procedures
- P10 alter items to meet customer requirements
- P11 record completed alterations or repairs
- P12 inspect items following repair or alteration in line with organisational quality standards
- P13 carry out routine maintenance to sewing machinery or other repair or alteration equipment

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 how to record items for repair
- K2 how to take and record accurate measurements for alterations to items
- K3 alteration procedures
- K4 understanding fibres and fabrics and different techniques for repairing these
- K5 how to sort and determine the priority of items for repair/alteration
- K6 how to store items for repair/alteration
- K7 what records must be kept in line with organisational procedures and data protection requirements
- K8 how to inspect items following repair or alteration and the organisational quality standards for this
- K9 how to operate and maintain the equipment needed for repairs and alterations
- K10 the importance of a clean, clear work area
- K11 the importance of sewing machine, needle, needle guard and spool checks
- K12 when to refer the items to others to progress
- K13 statutory responsibilities under health, safety and environmental legislation and regulations during repair and maintenance of items

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