

**Domain****PYROMETALLURGICAL PROCESSING****Title:****Load a charge into a furnace****Level: 3****Credits: 8****Purpose**

This unit standard is intended for those who carry out metallurgical processing operations. People holding credit for this unit standard are able to: Plan and prepare for loading a charge into the furnace; demonstrate knowledge relating to the charging of the furnace; charge the furnace; monitor and control the charging process; and complete duties pertaining to the charging process.

**Special Notes**

1. Entry information:

Prerequisite

- 1449 - *Comply with health, safety and environmental rules and regulations pertaining to processing operations*; or demonstrated equivalent knowledge and skills.

2. Assessment evidence may be collected from a real workplace or a simulated workplace in which pyrometallurgy operations are carried out.
3. 'Charge' includes but is not limited to molten metal, solid metal, and raw material.
4. Safe working practices include day-to-day observation of safety policies and procedures and compliance with emergency procedures.
5. Specifications refer to any, or all of the following: manufacturer's specifications and recommendations, and workplace specific requirements.
6. Performance of all elements in this unit standard must comply with relevant regulatory, legislative, workplace requirements and/or manufacturers' specifications.
7. Regulations and legislation, including subsequent amendments, relevant to this unit standard may include but are not limited to the following:
  - Labour Act, No. 11, 2007
  - Mineral Act, No. 33, 1992
  - Mine Health and Safety Regulations, 1999
  - Regulations relating to the Health and Safety of employees at work, 1997 and all industry specific regulations, legislations, code of practice, or code of conduct.

**Quality Assurance Requirements**

This unit standard and others within this subfield may be awarded by institutions which meet the accreditation requirements set by the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority and which comply with the national assessment and

moderation requirements. Details of specific accreditation requirements and the national assessment arrangements are available from the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority. All approved unit standards, qualifications and national assessment arrangements are available on the Namibia Training Authority website [www.nta.com.na](http://www.nta.com.na).

## **Elements and Performance Criteria**

### **Element 1: Plan and prepare for loading a charge into the furnace**

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 1.1 Work instructions, including plans, specifications, quality requirements and operational details are obtained, explained, clarified and applied to the allocated task.
- 1.2 Safety and security requirements, including personal protective clothing and equipment are obtained from the site safety plan, workplace policies and procedures, explained, and applied to the allocated task.
- 1.3 Equipment, tools, accessories selected to carry out tasks are checked for consistency with the requirements of the job, their usability and any faults rectified or reported prior to commencement of work.
- 1.4 Environmental protection requirements are identified from the project environmental management plan and applied to the allocated task.
- 1.5 Work area is inspected and prepared according to workplace procedures.

### **Element 2: Demonstrate knowledge relating to the charging of the furnace**

#### **Range**

Hazards and associated risks may include but are not limited to high temperature; high voltage; overhead-suspended loads; fumes; steam; and hot metal splashes.

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 2.1 The actions and conditions pertaining to a safe, healthy environment when charging furnaces are described.
- 2.2 The operational characteristics, performance, and components of the charging system are described.
- 2.3 The importance of charging a furnace is described in terms of achieving specified production requirements and up-and down stream operational requirements.
- 2.4 Hazards and associated risks are identified through relevant risk assessment procedures.
- 2.5 The communication requirements pertaining to furnace operation are described.
- 2.6 Corrective actions, in case of sub-standard conditions and problems be encountered, are described.

### **Element 3: Charge the furnace**

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 3.1 Workplace hazards and associated risks are identified, minimised or eliminated according to workplace procedures and legislative requirements.
- 3.2 Start-up of the charging process is carried out according to workplace procedures and manufacturer's specifications.
- 3.3 Problems encountered are dealt with according to workplace procedures.

### **Element 4: Monitor and control the charging process**

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 4.1 Workplace hazards and associated risks are identified, minimised or eliminated according to workplace procedures and legislative requirements.
- 4.2 The checks, adjustments, control and monitoring procedures are demonstrated according to workplace procedures and environmental protection requirements.
- 4.3 Charging system is operated according to workplace and operational procedures to ensure a safe and optimum production.
- 4.4 If necessary, corrective and/or reporting actions are taken according to workplace procedures.

### **Element 5: Complete duties pertaining to the charging process**

#### **Range**

Housekeeping may include but is not limited to ensure the work area is ready for next user; remove work materials to designated locations; correctly identify waste and re-usable material; and remove waste and re-usable materials to designated locations.

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 5.1 Task-specific tools, personal protective and safety equipment, are cleaned, maintained and stored for further use according to workplace procedures.
- 5.2 Good housekeeping practices are maintained according to workplace procedures.
- 5.3 Reporting and recording requirements are met according to workplace procedures.
- 5.4 Work related documents are completed according to job requirements and workplace procedures.

### **Registration Data**

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