

**Unit ID: 598**

**Domain**

**AIR CONDITIONING AND  
REFRIGERATION**

**Title:**

**Solve problems in central plant air  
conditioning systems**

**Level: 4**

**Credits: 6**

**Purpose**

This unit standard specifies the competencies required to solve problems in central plant air conditioning and refrigeration system. It includes troubleshooting and rectifying faults in central plant air conditioning systems. This unit standard is intended for those who work as air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics.

**Special Notes**

1. Entry information:

Prerequisite

- Unit 567 - *Apply health and safety routines in an air conditioning and refrigeration workplace* or demonstrated equivalent knowledge and skills.

2. Assessment evidence may be collected from a real workplace or a simulated real workplace or an appropriate simulated realistic environment in which air conditioning and refrigeration operations are carried out.

3. All inspection, operation and maintenance procedures associated with the use of tools and equipment shall comply with manufacturers' specifications and/or company's guidelines and instructions

4. Glossary of terms:

- '*ACR*' refers to air conditioning and refrigeration systems.
- '*specifications*' refers to any, or all of the following: manufacturers' specifications and recommendations, workplace specific requirements.
- '*central plant air conditioning systems*' refers to supply treated air throughout a building at the rate and condition required to counteract heat and moisture gains and losses (loads) so that temperature and humidity are maintained within acceptable limits.

5. Regulations and legislation relevant to this unit standard include the following:

- Labour Act, No. 11, 2007
- Occupational Health and Safety Regulations No. 18, 1997 and all subsequent amendments.

6. Performance of all elements in this unit standard must comply with industry standards.

7. This unit standard applies to single-phase and three-phase air conditioning and refrigeration systems.

## **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 work.**

#### **Range**

Air conditioning and refrigeration service hand tools may include but are not limited to tools for turning, swage and fare tools, screw drivers, tools for gripping and holding, tools for hammering and driving, tools for cutting and forming tools for pulling and pushing, measuring tools, bending tools and measuring instruments.

Air conditioning and refrigeration service power tools may include but are not limited to air blow gun, drill machine, arc welding machine, and grinder.

Equipment may include but are not limited to oxy-acetylene gas welding set, charging station/manifold gauges, recovery machine and vacuum pump.

#### **Performance Criteria**

- 1.1 Work instructions, including job cards, specifications and operational details are obtained, confirmed and applied.
- 1.2 Workplace inspection, equipment defect identification, assessment of conditions and hazards and determination of work requirements is carried out.
- 1.3 Safety requirements are followed in line with safety plans and policies.
- 1.4 Tools and equipment selected to carry out tasks are consistent with the requirements of the job, checked for serviceability and any faults rectified or reported prior to commencement.
- 1.5 Material requirements are identified and obtained in line with job card and/or specifications.
- 1.6 Materials are safely handled and located ready for use in line with workplace procedures.
- 1.7 Technical and/or calibration requirements for tools and equipment are sourced and implemented in line with workplace procedures.
- 1.8 Environmental protection requirements are identified and applied in line with environmental plans and regulatory obligations.

## **Element 2: Troubleshoot and rectify faults in central plant air conditioning systems.**

### **Performance Criteria**

- 2.1 Procedures and information required for solving problems in central plant air conditioning systems are identified and sourced in line with workplace procedures.
- 2.2 Circuits and the central plant are checked in line with manufactures and workplace procedures.
- 2.3 Problems are identified and rectified in line with workplace procedures.
- 2.4 Ductings are checked in line with workplace procedures.
- 2.5 Filters, air distribution system components, heating and cooling coils are cleaned.
- 2.6 Bearings, motors and belts are checked and serviced or replaced.

## **Element 3: Complete work and clean up.**

### **Range**

Work completion details may include but are not limited to job card, sign-out form for equipment and maintenance form.

### **Performance Criteria**

- 3.1 Work is completed and appropriate personnel notified in line with workplace procedures.
- 3.2 Work area is cleared of waste, cleaned, restored and secured in line with workplace procedures.
- 3.3 Reusable material is collected and stored in line with workplace procedures.
- 3.4 Equipment used is cleaned, checked, maintained and stored in line with workplace procedures.
- 3.5 Work completion details are finalised in line with workplace procedures.

## **Registration Data**

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