

Unit 265

Installing mechanically fixed plasterboard in the workplace

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Level: 2

Unit aim: To provide you with the necessary skills and knowledge to:

- interpret information
- comply with relevant legislation and official guidance
- maintain safe and healthy working practices
- select the required quantity and quality of resources
- minimise the risk of damage
- install mechanically fixed plasterboard in a timely manner and with minimal waste.

*PER – Portfolio evidence reference SO – Site observation OQ – Oral question WQ – Written question WT – Witness testimony
PS – Product supplementary PD – Professional discussion

Assessment criteria that are practical activities are highlighted in bold.

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| 1. Interpret the given information relating to the work and resources when installing mechanically fixed plasterboard. | | | | | | | |
| You must be able to: | *PER | SO | OQ | WQ | WT | PS | PD |
| 1.1 interpret and extract information from: | | | | | | | |
| a. drawings | | | | | | | |
| b. specifications | | | | | | | |
| c. schedules | | | | | | | |
| d. method statements | | | | | | | |

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| e. risk assessments | | | | | | | |
| f. manufacturers' information | | | | | | | |
| 1.2 comply with information and/or instructions derived from risk assessments and method statements | | | | | | | |
| 1.3 describe the organisational procedures developed to report and rectify inappropriate information and unsuitable resources and how they are implemented | | | | | | | |
| 1.4 describe different types of information, their source and how they are interpreted in relation to: | | | | | | | |
| a. drawings | | | | | | | |
| b. specifications | | | | | | | |
| c. schedules | | | | | | | |
| d. method statements | | | | | | | |
| e. risk assessments | | | | | | | |
| f. manufacturers' information | | | | | | | |
| g. current regulations governing buildings. | | | | | | | |

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| 2. Know how to comply with relevant legislation and official guidance when installing mechanically fixed plasterboard. | | | | | | | |
| You must be able to: | *PER | SO | OQ | WQ | WT | PS | PD |
| 2.1 describe your responsibilities regarding potential accidents, health hazards and the environment, whilst working: | | | | | | | |
| a. in the workplace | | | | | | | |
| b. below ground level | | | | | | | |
| c. in confined spaces | | | | | | | |
| d. at height | | | | | | | |

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| e. with tools and equipment | | | | | | | |
| f. with materials and substances | | | | | | | |
| g. with movement/storage of materials | | | | | | | |
| h. by manual handling and mechanical lifting | | | | | | | |
| 2.2 describe the organisational security procedures for: | | | | | | | |
| a. tools | | | | | | | |
| b. equipment | | | | | | | |
| c. personal belongings | | | | | | | |
| in relation to: | | | | | | | |
| a. site | | | | | | | |
| b. workplace | | | | | | | |
| c. company | | | | | | | |
| d. operative | | | | | | | |
| 2.3 explain what the accident reporting procedures are and who is responsible for making reports. | | | | | | | |

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| 3. Maintain safe and healthy working practices when installing mechanically fixed plasterboard. | | | | | | | |
| You must be able to: | *PER | SO | OQ | WQ | WT | PS | PD |
| 3.1 use health and safety control equipment safely and comply with the methods of work to carry out the activity in accordance with current legislation and organisational requirements when installing mechanically fixed plasterboard | | | | | | | |

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| 3.2 | demonstrate compliance with given information and relevant legislation when installing mechanically fixed plasterboard in relation to the following: | | | | | | | |
| | a. safe use of access equipment/working platforms | | | | | | | |
| | b. safe use, storage and handling of materials, tools and equipment | | | | | | | |
| | c. specific risks to health | | | | | | | |
| 3.3 | explain why and when health and safety control equipment, identified by the principles of prevention should be used, relating to installing mechanically fixed plasterboard, and the types, purpose and limitations of each type, the work situation and general work environment, in relation to: | | | | | | | |
| | a. collective protective measures | | | | | | | |
| | b. personal protective equipment (PPE) | | | | | | | |
| | c. respiratory protective equipment (RPE) | | | | | | | |
| | d. local exhaust ventilation (LEV) | | | | | | | |
| 3.4 | describe how the relevant health and safety control equipment should be used in accordance with the given working instructions | | | | | | | |
| 3.5 | describe how emergencies should be responded to in accordance with organisational authorisation and personal skills when involved with: | | | | | | | |
| | a. fires | | | | | | | |
| | b. spillages | | | | | | | |
| | c. injuries | | | | | | | |
| | d. other task-related activities. | | | | | | | |

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| 4. Select the required quantity and quality of resources for the methods of work to install mechanically fixed plasterboard. | | | | | | | |
| You must be able to: | *PER | SO | OQ | WQ | WT | PS | PD |
| 4.1 select resources associated with own work in relation to materials, tools and equipment | | | | | | | |
| 4.2 describe the: | | | | | | | |
| a. characteristics | | | | | | | |
| b. quality | | | | | | | |
| c. uses | | | | | | | |
| d. sustainability | | | | | | | |
| e. limitations | | | | | | | |
| f. defects | | | | | | | |
| associated with the resources in relation to: | | | | | | | |
| a. manufactured proprietary boards | | | | | | | |
| b. fittings and fixings | | | | | | | |
| c. hand tools, portable power tools and ancillary equipment | | | | | | | |
| 4.3 describe: | | | | | | | |
| a. how the resources should be used correctly | | | | | | | |
| b. how problems associated with the resources are reported | | | | | | | |
| 4.4 explain why the organisational procedures have been developed and how they are used for the selection of required resources | | | | | | | |
| 4.5 describe any potential hazards associated with the resources and methods of work | | | | | | | |

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| 4.6 describe how to calculate: | | | | | | | |
| a. quantity | | | | | | | |
| b. length | | | | | | | |
| c. area | | | | | | | |
| d. wastage associated with the method/procedure to install mechanically fixed plasterboard. | | | | | | | |

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| 5. Minimise the risk of damage to the work and surrounding area when installing mechanically fixed plasterboard. | | | | | | | |
| You must be able to: | *PER | SO | OQ | WQ | WT | PS | PD |
| 5.1 protect the work and its surrounding area from damage in accordance with safe working practices and organisational procedures | | | | | | | |
| 5.2 minimise damage and maintain a clean workspace | | | | | | | |
| 5.3 dispose of waste in accordance with current legislation | | | | | | | |
| 5.4 describe how to protect work from damage and the purpose of protection in relation to: | | | | | | | |
| a. general workplace activities | | | | | | | |
| b. other occupations | | | | | | | |
| c. adverse weather conditions | | | | | | | |
| 5.5 explain why the disposal of waste should be carried out safely in accordance with: | | | | | | | |
| a. environmental responsibilities | | | | | | | |
| b. organisational procedures | | | | | | | |
| c. manufacturers' information | | | | | | | |
| d. statutory regulations | | | | | | | |
| e. official guidance | | | | | | | |

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| 6. Complete the work within the allocated time when installing mechanically fixed plasterboard. | | | | | | | |
| You must be able to: | *PER | SO | OQ | WQ | WT | PS | PD |
| 6.1 demonstrate completion of the work within the allocated time | | | | | | | |
| 6.2 describe the purpose of the work programme and explain why deadlines should be kept in relation to: | | | | | | | |
| a. types of progress charts, timetables and estimated times | | | | | | | |
| b. organisational procedures for reporting circumstances which will affect the work programme. | | | | | | | |

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| 7. Comply with the given contract information to install mechanically fixed plasterboard to the required specification. | | | | | | | |
| You must be able to: | *PER | SO | OQ | WQ | WT | PS | PD |
| 7.1 demonstrate the following work skills when installing mechanically fixed plasterboard: | | | | | | | |
| a. identify appropriate standard, performance and uses of the plasterboard | | | | | | | |
| b. install and mechanically fix plasterboard to timber and metal internal backgrounds | | | | | | | |
| c. form openings with and without reveals | | | | | | | |
| d. fit around services | | | | | | | |
| e. repair damaged board areas | | | | | | | |
| f. recognise and determine when specialist skills and knowledge are required and report accordingly | | | | | | | |
| g. understand specific requirements for structures of special interest, traditional build (pre 1919) and historical significance | | | | | | | |
| h. use hand tools, portable power tools and ancillary equipment | | | | | | | |
| i. work at height | | | | | | | |
| j. use access equipment/working platforms | | | | | | | |
| 7.2 use and maintain: | | | | | | | |

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| | a. hand tools | | | | | | |
| | b. portable power tools | | | | | | |
| | c. ancillary equipment | | | | | | |
| 7.3 | prepare background surfaces and install plasterboard to given working instructions relating to: | | | | | | |
| | a. clad to timber and/or metal | | | | | | |
| | b. form openings with and without reveals | | | | | | |
| | c. fit around services | | | | | | |
| 7.4 | describe how to apply safe and healthy work practices, follow procedures, report problems and establish the authority needed to rectify them, to: | | | | | | |
| | a. identify appropriate standard, performance and uses of the plasterboard | | | | | | |
| | b. install and mechanically fix plasterboard to timber and metal internal backgrounds | | | | | | |
| | c. form openings with and without reveals | | | | | | |
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| | h. use hand tools, portable power tools and ancillary equipment | | | | | | |
| | i. work at height | | | | | | |
| | j. use access equipment/working platforms | | | | | | |
| 7.5 | describe the needs of other occupations and how to effectively communicate within a team when installing mechanically fixed plasterboard | | | | | | |
| 7.6 | describe how to maintain the tools and equipment used when installing mechanically fixed plasterboard. | | | | | | |

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Declaration

I confirm that the evidence supplied for the above unit is authentic and a true representation of my own work. The work logged is my own work carried out during my normal work duties.

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I confirm that this candidate has achieved all the requirements of this unit with the evidence listed. Assessment was conducted under the specified conditions and context, and is valid, authentic, reliable, current and sufficient.

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