

Purpose

This unit standard specifies the competencies required to estimate construction costs. It includes, Analysis of project documentation calculating quantities of different building materials according to given drawing, Estimate the required human and equipment resources. This unit standard is intended for those who work as bricklayers.

Special Notes

1. Entry information:

Prerequisite

- *Unit 1157-Demonstrate basic knowledge of workplace health and safety or demonstrated equivalent knowledge and skills.*
- *Unit 1- Plan and organise construction work*

2. To demonstrate competence, at a minimum, requires evidence of calculate quantities of different building materials according to given drawing. Perform these tasks ensuring correct interpretation of working drawing, bill of quantities and specification.

3. Bill of quantity refers to a document used in tendering in the construction industry in which materials, parts, and labour (and their costs) are itemized.

4. Regulations and legislation relevant to this unit standard include the following:
 - Labour Act 2007,(Act no. 11, 2007)
 - Local Authority (Act no. 23,1992)
 - Town Planning Scheme
 - SABS 0400
 - NOSA
 - Occupational Health and Safety Regulations under schedule 1(1) of Labour Act No. 11of 2007 No. 18, 1997
 - Government Notice No. 156 Labour Act, 1992: "Regulations Relating to the Health and Safety of Employees at Work"
 - Building Regulations and Building Standards Act, 1977 (Act No. 103 of 1977)

Quality Assurance Requirements

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Elements and Performance Criteria**Element 1: Analyse project documentation with reference to quantities.**

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Drawings are interpreted in terms of project documentation.
- 1.2 Bills of quantities are interpreted in terms of project documentation.
- 1.3 Project specifications are integrated with drawings, bills of quantities and general conditions of a given task.

Element 2: Calculate quantities of material.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Correct units of measurement are identified for the different types of material specified in terms of the project specification.
- 2.2 Accurate calculations of required materials are made, taking into account material manufacturer specifications, material properties and work area size.

Element 3: Estimate the required human and equipment resources.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Production rates for human and equipment resources are selected/ determined for the activities and quantities involved.
- 3.2 Human and equipment resource requirements are worked out from quantities calculated and project specifications/time frames.

Element 4: Prepare a work plan.

Performance criteria

- 4.1. Time durations for work activities are calculated.
- 4.2 A feasible work plan is developed.
4. 3. Work plan is communicated to responsible person.

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