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|  |  | **Unit ID: 101** |
| **Domain** |  | **OFFICE ADMINISTRATION** |
| **Title:** |  | **Communicate information in an office environment** |
| **Level: 4** |  | **Credits: 8** |

# Purpose

This unit standard is intended for those who communicate information in an office environment. People credited with this unit standard are able to gather, convey and receive information; draft message and convey information; accurate draft and finalize routine correspondence; handle office mail.

This unit standard is intended for people who carry out administrative functions in office environment.

# Special Notes

1. Entry information

Prerequisite:

 Unit 1157 *- Demonstrate basic knowledge of workplace health and safety* or demonstrated equivalent knowledge and skills.

1. To demonstrate competence, at a minimum, evidence is required of gathering information and ideas, conveying and receiving information and ideas, drafting and finalising routine correspondence. Assessment evidence of drafting *two* documents is required.

1. Assessment evidence may be collected from a real workplace or a simulated real workplace in which office administration operations are carried out.

1. The conduct of training and assessment activities related to this unit standard is recommended to take place in conjunction with other relevant, practical unit standards in this Subfield.

1. Performance of all elements in this unit standard must comply with all relevant workplace requirements and /or manufacturer’s specifications.

1. Regulations and legislation relevant to this unit standard include the following:
   * Labour Act, No. 11, 2007
   * Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1997 and all subsequent amendments.

**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 who 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 on [www.namqa.org](http://www.namqa.org) and the Namibia Training Authority on [www.nta.com](http://www.nta.com).na

# Elements and Performance Criteria

**Element 1:** **Gather, convey and receive information**

## Performance Criteria

1.1 Instructions on the task to be carried out are given and explained.

1.2 Relevant information is collected and received from appropriate sources to achieve work responsibilities by applying appropriate steps.

1.3 Appropriate methods of information collection for gathering, conveying and recording are identified and selected.

1.4 Suitable communication tools are identified and selected for gathering, conveying, and recording information.

1.5 Appropriate communication skills are applied to gather, convey, and receive information.

1.6 Information from internal and external sources is sought and used to develop, refine ideas and approaches as well as referencing.

1.7 Instructions and enquiries are responded to promptly in line with organisational requirements.

**Element 2: Draft message and convey information**

## Performance Criteria

2.1 Message is recorded in written or electronic form.

2.2 Message is written using clear and concise language.

2.3 Message is forwarded to respective person within a specified timeframe.

## Element 3: Accurate draft and finalize routine correspondence

**Range:**

Routine correspondence may include but is not limited to memorandum, notices, fax cover sheets, telephone message pads, email messages.

## Performance Criteria

3.1 Instruction to draft routine correspondence is received in line with organisational requirements.

3.2 Draft text is presented in clear and concise language with spelling, punctuation and grammar corrected in line with organisational requirements.

3.3 Draft document is formatted according to organisational requirements.

3.4 Final draft document is presented accurately and legibly in line with organisational requirements.

**Element 4:** **Handle office mail**

**Performance Criteria**

4.1 Incoming and outgoing mail received are sorted, distributed, and dispatched as per organizational procedure.

4.2 Confidentiality of organisational information is applied as per organisational procedures.

4.3 Security measures in mail handling must be applied at all times as per organisational procedures.

4.4 Appropriate office equipment is selected and used when dealing with office mail.

# Registration Data

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