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Overview

This standard covers the competence required to provide leadership to the team. It is about giving direction to the members of the team, and includes motivating and supporting them to achieve team and personal work objectives. This standard also covers the competence required to initiate and manage change. It is about encouraging and supporting the identification and practical implementation of ideas. It includes the planning that is needed to make a specific change, or to put into practice a programme of change. It involves developing a strategy to make the required change, taking note of barriers, risks and the need to put appropriate monitoring and communication systems in place. It is also about putting into practice the strategy and associate plans for a specific change or programme of change. This involves putting in place the necessary resources and supporting systems, including monitoring and communications, to turn the 'vision' into practical reality.

This standard also covers the competence required to promote equal opportunity and diversity. This standard is about actively promoting equality of opportunity and diversity in the workplace and within own area of responsibility. It addresses the need to recognise and take steps to prevent any instances of bullying, harassment or discrimination in the workplace. It is intended to go beyond compliance with equality legislation and move towards a situation where there is awareness in your area of and active commitment to the need to ensure equality of opportunity and the benefits of diversity.

Target Group

This standard applies to authorised Port Operations supervisors and line managers who have a responsibility to lead port teams.

There are 5 elements in this standard:

- 1. Provide leadership for your team
- 2. Encourage innovation in your team
- 3. Plan change
- 4. Implement change
- Promote equality of opportunity and diversity in own area of responsibility

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Performance criteria

Provide leadership for your team

You must be able to:

- P1 follow organisational policies and procedures, for providing leadership in own team, that relate to: roles, responsibilities, information and management systems, setting objectives, equality and diversity, and inclusion, monitoring work activities, managing performance
- P2 set out and communicate the purpose and objectives of the team to all members
- P3 involve members in planning how the team will achieve its objectives
- P4 ensure that each member of the team has personal work objectives which will contribute to the achievement of the team's objectives
- P5 encourage and support team members to achieve their personal work objectives and those of the team and provide recognition when objectives have been achieved
- P6 win the trust and support of the team for your leadership through your performance
- P7 steer the team successfully through difficulties and challenges, including conflict within the team
- P8 encourage and recognise creativity and innovation within the team
- P9 give team members support and advice when they need it especially during periods of setback and change
- P10 motivate team members to present their own ideas and listen to what they say
- P11 encourage team members to take the lead when they have the knowledge and expertise, and show willingness to follow this lead
- P12 monitor activities and progress across the team without interfering

Encourage innovation in the team

You must be able to:

- P13 respond to ideas identified by members of the team and provide constructive feedback
- P14 encourage members of the team to share, discuss and work together in developing initial ideas
- P15 identify and pursue opportunities to work with other teams to generate and develop ideas
- P16 discuss and agree with members of the team those ideas which should be developed further, how they should be developed and the required resources
- P17 provide on-going support, encouragement and resources to members of the team who are developing and testing ideas and help to remove any identified obstacles
- P18 agree the practical implementation of ideas, based on the identified benefits, risks and required resources, within own authority to do so

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- P19 support members of the team in submitting formal proposals and plans for the practical implementation of ideas to other people for approval
- P20 oversee practical implementation of ideas by the team and monitor and report on progress
- P21 encourage members of the team to take acceptable risks in pursuing innovation and to learn from mistakes
- P22 ensure that the originators and developers of any ideas which are successfully implemented receive recognition for their achievement

Plan change

You must be able to

- P23 identify the procedures, systems, structures and roles that need to be changed, and assess the gap between their current and required future state
- P24 identify and assess barriers to change
- P25 develop strategies and plans that set out the way forward
- P26 assess the risks and benefits associated with the strategies and plans and develop contingency arrangements
- P27 ensure plans include short-term 'wins' as well as longer-term deliverables
- P28 develop systems for monitoring and assessing progress
- P29 develop a communication strategy for the change process that allows people to give feedback
- P30 identify training and support needs and plan how to meet these
- P31 find practical ways to overcome barriers
- P32 present information clearly, concisely, and in ways that promote understanding
- P33 provide opportunities for those affected by the plan to give feedback and respond appropriately to the feedback
- P34 set demanding but achievable objectives for yourself and others
- P35 communicate a clearly defined vision of the future
- P36 identify the implications or consequences of a situation

Implement change

You must be able to

- P37 put into practice the strategies and plans for change in line with the available resources
- P38 design new work processes, procedures, systems, structures and roles to achieve the vision behind the change
- P39 identify, assess and deal with problems and barriers to change
- P40 monitor, document and communicate progress to all involved
- P41 recognise and reward people and teams who achieve results
- P42 maintain the momentum for change
- P43 measure the effectiveness of change
- P44 recognise changes in circumstances promptly and adjust plans and activities accordingly

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- P45 present information clearly, concisely, and in ways that promote understanding
- P46 make time available to support others
- P47 recognise when there are conflicts, acknowledge the feelings and views of all parties, and redirect people's energy towards a common goal
- P48 recognise the achievements and the success of others

Promote equality of opportunity and diversity in own area of responsibility

You must be able to

- P49 ensure commitment within own area of responsibility to promoting equality of opportunity and diversity, including making it a priority area in terms of informing the vision and objectives for own area and planning and decision-making
- P50 ensure that your own behaviour, words and actions and those of people working in your area of responsibility support a commitment to equality of opportunity and diversity
- P51 identify own personal responsibilities and liabilities under equality legislation and any relevant codes of practice
- P52 identify the diversity and needs of own area's current customers and potential customers and identify areas where needs could be better satisfied and where the diversity of customers could be improved
- P53 ensure that the organisation's written equality and diversity policy is clearly communicated to all people in own area of responsibility and other relevant parties
- P54 implement the organisation's written equality and diversity policy in own area, including relevant parts of any accompanying organisation-wide action plan, seeking and making the required resources available
- P55 ensure regular consultation with people in own area of responsibility or their representatives on equality and diversity issues
- P56 seek and make use of specialist expertise in relation to equality and diversity issues
- P57 ensure that working arrangements, resources and business processes in own area of responsibility respond to different needs, abilities, values and ways of working
- P58 monitor, review and report to the relevant people on progress in relation to equality of opportunity and diversity within own area of responsibility, identifying required actions and changes to practice

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the principal different ways to communicate effectively with members of a team
- K2 how to set objectives which are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound)
- K3 how to plan the achievement of team objectives and the importance of involving team members in the process
- K4 the importance of and being able to show team members how personal work objectives contribute to achievement of team objectives
- K5 that different styles of leadership exist
- K6 how to select and successfully apply a limited range of different methods for motivating, supporting and encouraging team members and recognising their achievement
- K7 the types of difficulties and challenges that may arise, including conflict within the team, and ways of identifying and overcoming them
- K8 the importance of encouraging others to take the lead and ways in which this can be achieved
- K9 the benefits of and how to encourage and recognise creativity and innovation within a team
- K10 the legal, regulatory and ethical requirements in the ports industry
- K11 the members, purpose, objectives and plans of own team
- K12 the personal work objectives of members of own team
- K13 the types of support and advice that team members are likely to need and how to respond to these
- K14 the standards of performance for the work of your team
- K15 the benefits of innovation to the team, the overall organisation and its customers
- K16 the key differences between creativity and innovation
- K17 how to make time available for identifying and developing ideas
- K18 how to motivate people to generate and develop ideas
- K19 how to provide constructive feedback on ideas to individuals
- K20 the importance of communication in innovation and how to encourage communication across the team
- K21 the potential obstacles to creativity and whether/how they can be removed
- K22 the reasons for selecting initial ideas for further development
- K23 how initial ideas might be further developed and tested
- K24 how to recognise and manage risk in innovation
- K25 how to develop formal proposals and plans for the practical implementation of an idea and how to support others in doing this
- K26 how to develop creativity in own self and others
- K27 the resources required for creativity and innovation, particularly time

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- K28 how to learn from mistakes
- K29 how to recognise the achievements of the originators/developers of ideas which have been successfully implemented.
- K30 the sector(s) in which the organisation works
- K31 the limits of own authority
- K32 the organisational guidelines and procedures for developing and implementing ideas, including to whom formal proposals and plans should be submitted
- K33 the needs of the customers
- K34 the opportunities to work with other teams in the organisation
- K35 the main models and methods for managing change effectively, and their strengths and weaknesses
- K36 effective planning techniques that may be used in developing a plan
- K37 the theory and application of the change/performance curve
- K38 the theory of teams, including an understanding of team-building techniques and how to apply them
- K39 how to identify the features that need to be changed and the associated priorities and reasons
- K40 how to assess the risks and benefits associated with strategies and plans
- K41 the importance of contingency planning and how to do so effectively
- K42 how to make critical decisions
- K43 current and emerging political, economic, social, technological, environmental and legal developments in the sector and in related sectors
- K44 the organisation's current position in the sector and market in which it works, compared with its main competitors, relevant to the change programme
- K45 the range of information sources that are relevant to the sector, and related sectors, in which the organisation operates
- K46 the political, bureaucratic and resource barriers to change and techniques for managing them
- K47 stakeholder expectations and how they influence the change process
- K48 the vision for the future, and how to state the reasons for change, the risks and expected benefits
- K49 your organisation's business critical activities and interdependencies
- K50 how to identify your own organisation's formal and informal communication channels
- K51 problem solving techniques
- K52 how to identify development and other support needs and ways in which these needs can be met
- K53 how to manage expectations during change
- K54 different definitions of diversity
- K55 the different forms which discrimination and harassment might take
- K56 the business case for ensuring equality of opportunity and promoting

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- diversity
- K57 the probable effects of not promoting equality of opportunity and diversity within own area of responsibility
- K58 how commitment within own area of responsibility to promoting equality of opportunity and diversity might be demonstrated
- K59 why it is important to make equality and diversity a priority area and how to do so effectively
- K60 why it is important to lead by example in terms of behaviour, words and actions supporting a commitment to equality of opportunity and diversity
- K61 how to recognise when the behaviour, words and actions of others does and does not support a commitment to equality of opportunity and diversity
- K62 how and where to identify personal responsibilities and liabilities under equality legislation and any relevant codes of practice
- K63 the importance of identifying the diversity and needs of own area's current and potential customers in order to identify areas for improvement and how to do so effectively
- K64 how to communicate the organisation's written equality and diversity policy to people who work in own area of responsibility and other relevant parties
- K65 the importance of implementing an organisation's written equality and diversity policy and any supporting action plan
- K66 the type of resources which might be required to support implementation of an equality and diversity policy and any supporting action plan
- K67 how and when to consult with people in own area of responsibility or their representatives on equality and diversity issues
- K68 the sources of specialist expertise in relation to equality and diversity
- K69 how to provide working arrangements, resources and businesses processes in own area of responsibility that respond to different needs, abilities, values and ways of working
- K70 how to monitor, review and report on progress in relation to equality of opportunity and diversity within own area of responsibility.
- K71 sector-specific legislation, regulations, guidelines and codes of practice relating to equality and diversity
- K72 equality and diversity issues and developments that are particular to the industry or sector
- K73 the information sources on equality and diversity in the industry or sector
- K74 the vision, objectives and operational plans for own area of responsibility
- K75 the planning and decision-making processes within own area of responsibility
- K76 the overall vision, values, objectives, plans and culture of the organisation
- K77 the diversity of the people working in own area of responsibility
- K78 current and potential customers and their needs within own area of responsibility and other relevant parties with an interest in diversity

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- K79 the organisation's written equality and diversity policy and any accompanying action plan and how they are communicated to all people who work for the organisation
- K80 sources of specialist expertise in relation to equality and diversity used in own area of responsibility
- K81 the support and resources allocated to and across own area of responsibility to promote equality of opportunity and diversity
- K82 understand employment policies and practices within the organisation
- K83 working arrangements, resources and business processes within area of responsibility
- K84 the systems in place in for monitoring, reviewing and reporting on progress in relation to equality of opportunity and diversity
- K85 the allocated responsibilities for promoting equality of opportunity and diversity in your own of responsibility and the organisation in general

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Additional Information

External Links

This standard is applicable to team leadership and innovation, planning and implementing change and promoting equal opportunity and diversity in ports.

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The performance criteria, knowledge and understanding requirements are specific to the: regulations, industry and other guidance recognised by the individual's employer, employing organisation's objectives, policies, procedures, and working practices; that relate to the elements covered in this standard.

The performance criteria, knowledge and understanding requirements are specific to the individual's own level of authority and responsibility.

Ports and the activities which take place there vary. Employers and any other duty holders must comply with the legal duties imposed on them by health and safety legislation, including the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. This will also involve careful and continuing risk assessments to enable duty holders to plan, implement, manage and review policies and procedures which address the risks associated with the conduct of their business. The statutory duty of the employee to take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and other persons who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work and to cooperate with the employer with regard to the employer's health and safety duties, are an essential part of this standard.

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