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# EPA Specification Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician – Plant Operations Technician



**EPA Specification Section 4** – The MOET standard with  
Amplification and Guidance

## Contacts

**This specification has been designed to provide all the advice and guidance you need to prepare yourself and your apprentices for end-point assessment. However, if you have any further questions please contact the EUIAS Help Desk using one of the following:**

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# The MOET standard in detail

The MOET standard consists of:

- Core knowledge (4 elements)
- Core skills (4 elements)
- Behaviours (7 elements)
- Specialist skills for electrical specialism (4 elements)

The following pages list each of the elements of the standard, the assessment method(s) required and additional Amplification and Guidance from EUIAS on the range and depth expected.

## Core Knowledge

### Assessed in Knowledge Test AND Technical Interview

CK1 **First principles** relating to the operation and maintenance of appropriate plant and equipment

CK2 Relevant industry **health and safety standards, regulations, and environmental and regulatory requirements**

CK3 **Maintenance and operational practices, processes and procedures** covering a range of plant and equipment

CK4 The **relevant engineering theories and principles** relative to their occupation

### Core Knowledge: Amplification and Guidance

#### CK1 First principles

- Purpose of the plant/equipment
- Impact of plant/equipment malfunction or failure
- Interaction with other process plant/equipment
- Normal operating conditions such as temperatures, speeds, pressures, loads, as appropriate

## **CK2 Health and safety standards, regulations, and environmental and regulatory requirements**

- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health procedures
- Working at Height Regulations
- Risk assessment procedures
- Personal protection equipment
- Manual handling and lifting and rigging
- Isolation procedures
- Site safety signage
- Confined space entry
- Compliance with site safe systems of work

## **CK3 Maintenance and operational practices, processes and procedures**

- Selection and use of tools, equipment & materials
- Engineering calculations
- Testing & inspection activities
- Condition monitoring
- Fault-finding skills
- Use of technical drawings
- Root cause analysis

## CK4 Engineering theories and principles

### Plant Operations

- Basic operational theories and principles including control of pressure, temperature, level, flow and analytical data
- Process control including batch, continuous process, PID, controllers
- Equipment including vessels, valves, filters, heat exchangers, compressors
- Monitoring operational conditions including monitoring operating parameters, specifications

## Core Skills

### Assessed in Practical Observation alone

CS1 Comply with industry **health, safety and environmental working practices and regulations**

CS2 Communicate with and provide information to **stakeholders** in line with personal role and responsibilities

CS3 Prepare work areas to undertake work related activities and reinstate those areas after the completion of the work-related activities

CS4 Assess and test the performance and condition of plant and equipment

### Assessed in Practical Observation AND Technical Interview

CS5 **Locate, and rectify faults** on plant and equipment

CS6 Read, understand and interpret **information** and work in compliance with **technical specifications and supporting documentation**

CS7 Inspect and maintain appropriate plant and equipment to meet operational requirements

CS8 Communicate, **handover** and confirm that the appropriate engineering process has been completed to specification

## Core Skills: Amplification and Guidance

### CS1 Health, safety and environmental working practices and regulations

- Roles and responsibilities in relation to the HSE Regulations
- Site safety systems, including communicating with others
- Site safety signage
- Risk assessment procedures
- Correct use of personal protection equipment

### CS2 Stakeholders

- Team members
- Colleagues at handover
- Line managers
- Internal and external safety personnel

### CS5 Locate, and rectify faults

- Systematic and effective approaches to fault finding
- Isolation/overrides/inhibits
- Use of historical operational data

### CS6 Information, technical specifications and supporting documentation

- Company procedures for the control of work
- Operating specifications and maintenance records

### CS8 Handover

- Verbal handovers
- Handover documentation

## Behaviours

### Assessed in Technical Interview

B1 Critical reasoning – uses resources, techniques and **obtained facts to develop sound solutions** while recognising and defining problems

### Assessed in Practical Observation

B2 Health and Safety – follows health and safety policies and procedures and be prepared to challenge unsafe behaviour using appropriate techniques to ensure the protection of people and property when working alone and/or with appropriate supervision

B3 Quality focused – ensures that work achieves quality standard both occupationally and personally

B4 Working with others – has the ability to work well with people from different disciplines, backgrounds and expertise to accomplish an activity safely and on time

B5 Interpersonal skills – gets along well with others and takes into account their needs and concerns

B6 Sustainability and ethical behaviour – **behaves ethically** and undertakes work in a way that contributes to sustainable development

B7 Risk awareness – demonstrates high concentration, the desire to reduce risks, ability to be compliant and awareness of change, through **regular monitoring and checking of information**

## Behaviours: Amplification and Guidance

### B5 Obtained facts, sound solutions

- autonomous work related decisions based on accurate and reliable information

### B1 Appropriate techniques

- following site and company procedures

### B6 Behaves ethically

- Honesty
- Fairness
- Respecting the rights of individuals

### B7 Regular monitoring and checking of information

- Noticeboards
- Supervisor briefings
- Intranet
- Briefing sessions

## Specific Skills – Plant Operations Technicians

### Assessed in Practical Observation AND Technical Interview

**PO1** Carry out **planned operating procedures** on plant and equipment

**PO2** Monitor the performance of the plant and equipment

**PO3** Handover and accept responsibility for plant and equipment

**PO4** Respond to **contingencies**

\*\*\* Note that only one of PO1 - PO3 needs to be assessed during the Practical Observation \*\*\*

## Plant Operations Technicians: Amplification and Guidance

### PO1 Planned operating procedures

Planned operating procedures could include but is not limited to safely carrying out:

- System start up and system shutdown
- Responses to deviations of specification
- Isolations
- Sampling
- Changeovers

### PO4 Contingencies

Rapidly and correctly respond to contingencies and abnormal conditions to maintain plant and equipment within operational parameters during contingencies including but not limited to:

- Deviations from operating conditions/specifications
- Alarms
- Trips
- Shutdowns
- Unplanned variation in production rates
- Swapping from Primary/Stand-by