English Language Competency Framework

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INTERMEDIATE B ENGLISH (LEVEL 5)

SPEAKING AND LISTENING OUTCOMES

S1. Talks about the past, present and future

Common work and non-work related actions and situations. Includes facts, routines and actions happening now; actions completed in the past including actions which started in the past and still continue; future plans and arrangements.

S2. Describes diagrams

Description of graphs charts and tables depicting work-related data or information of general interest. Includes identification of trends, where applicable.

S3. Describes detailed processes and procedures

Work-related processes include simplified descriptions of industrial processes (oil to petrol, gas to fertiliser etc.). Procedures include more detailed office and safety procedures.

S4. Gives a short presentation

Work and non-work related topics. Talk presented to small group, class or guests.

R1. Reads extended instructions and warning notices

READING OUTCOMES

More detailed work and non-work related safety signs with a set of instructions including preventative measures where applicable. Also includes a set of work and non-work related written instructions (e.g. security awareness at the workplace).

R2. Finds information in text

Identifying specific information, summarising main ideas, and inferring unstated meanings. Also includes personal response to content, giving detailed reasons for opinion.

R3. Finds information in diagrams

Information includes numerical and nonnumerical information relating to work and non-work related topics and situations. Diagrams with several sets of data include tables, bar charts, pie charts, line graphs, flow charts and plans and organigrams. Includes identification of trends.

WRITING OUTCOMES

Work related emails. Memos request action and/or give information.

W1. Writes emails and memos

W2. Writes incident reports

Routine reports on events or incidents. Writes a set of recommendations based on an incident report.

W3. Writes about diagrams

Graphs, charts, tables and flow diagrams showing work-related data or information of general interest. Description of diagrams in two simple paragraphs: an introduction and a short description of the information in the diagram. Includes identification of trends, where applicable.

W4. Takes notes from speech

Work related topics and situations. Takes notes from an extended briefing, training session or short presentation, and writes them up to communicate the key information.