

# **LEARNER GUIDE**



Training support material for:

### RIICCM201E

Carry out measurements and calculations

### **TRAINER'S GUIDE**

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#### **Measurements and calculations**

Measurements and calculations are used in the resources and infrastructure industries for many different tasks. Measurements and calculations must be accurate and clearly recorded. It includes using measurements and calculations to estimate quantities for various work activities.

Accurate measurements and calculations will make sure that:



Measurements and calculations (continued)

If measurements and calculations are not correct, accurate and clearly recorded it may cause:



#### Units of measure

Measurement is finding a number that shows the amount or size of something. Measurements can be taken and recorded as either metric or imperial. The metric system is the internationally agreed system of measure. While some countries still use the imperial system. The Australian building trades adopted the metric system in 1966.

#### This learner's guide will always refer to the metric system.

The length, width, height and depth of objects or spaces can be measured in:



Units of measure (continued)

The weight or mass of an object can be measured in:



Units of measure (continued)

These tables show how metric and imperial weights and measurements compare with each other.

Metric —	
1 millimetre	0.03937 inches
1 centimetre	0.3937 inches
1 metre	1.0936 yards
1 kilometre	0.6214 miles
2.54 cm	1 inch
30.48 cm	1 foot
91.44 cm	1 yard
1.6093 km	1 mile
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Imperial —	
0.0353 ounces	1 gram
2.2046 pounds	1 kilogram
1.1023 short tonne	1 metric tonne
1 ounce	28.350 grams
1 pound	453.59 grams
1 short tonne	0.9072 metric tonnes



#### **Basic shapes**

Shapes can be described as either two dimensional (2D) or three dimensional (3D).

#### Two dimensional (2D)



Basic shapes (continued)

#### Three dimensional (3D)



#### **Basic mathematics symbols**

Addition (plus)	Subtraction (minus)	Multiply (times)	Divide (how many)
+		<b>X</b> or <b>*</b>	÷ or /
For example, 6 + 2 = 8	For example, 6 – 2 = 4	For example, $6 \times 2 = 12$	For example, $6 \div 2 = 3$
Equals (total)	Brackets	Greater than	Less than
For example, $6 = 3 + 3$	For example, $6 + (3 \times 2)$	For example, 5 > 4	For example, 4 < 5
Powers	Square root	Fraction	Decimal
$2^{2} 2^{3}$		$1/_{4}$	0.5
For example, $2^2 = 2 \times 2 = 4$ $2^3 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$	For example, $\sqrt{25} = 5$	For example, 1 out of 4	For example, $\frac{1}{2}$ is the same as $0.5$
Percentage	Not equal to	Degrees	Pi
%	$\neq$	ο	π
For example,		15 	E
50% = 50 out of 100	For example, $5 \times 2 \neq 30$	For example, 90° angle	For example, = 3.14159

## PLAN AND PREPARE FOR MEASUREMENTS AND CALCULATIONS



#### PC 1.3

#### PLAN AND PREPARE FOR MEASUREMENTS AND CALCULATIONS

Select and check tools and equipment (continued)

Keep measuring equipment stored away from direct sunlight, high temperatures and excessive moisture.



It should be:

- Separated from good equipment
- · Tagged 'Do not use'
- · Reported to the supervisor
- Repaired or replaced.

#### Calibration

This is when tools or equipment are tested against a standard to make sure they are still accurate.

If they are no longer accurate they can be adjusted, or may need to be replaced. Some tools and equipment need to be calibrated at regular intervals.



DANGER

UNSAFE

DO NOT

OPERATE

#### PC 1.3

#### PLAN AND PREPARE FOR MEASUREMENTS AND CALCULATIONS



## PERFORM MEASUREMENTS



#### **Measurement methods**

When you need to measure something it is important to choose the correct way of doing it so results are accurate.

There are many different ways to measure things and different formulas that can be applied depending on the information you need and the object you have to measure.

#### Length, height, width and depth

Length, height, width and depth measurements are performed by measuring in a straight line from one point to another, this will give you the distance between the two points.



#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS

Length, height, width and depth (continued)



#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS

Measurement methods – examples (continued)

#### Perimeter

Perimeter is the measurement of distance around the outside of a two dimensional shape.







For example:

If you wanted to work out how much fencing was required to go around a job site, you would measure the distance on the outside of the site (around the perimeter).



#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS

Measurement methods (continued)

#### **Circumference, diameter and radius**

Circumference, diameter and radius are measurements that can be taken on a closed circular or curved object.



#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS

Circumference, diameter and radius (continued)

If you are measuring the diameter or radius of a pipe you need to know if it is the inside or outside radius or diameter that needs to be measured.



If you need to know how much space a pipe would take up you need the outside radius/diameter to calculate the volume.





If you need to know how much water a pipe could hold you would need to know the inside radius/diameter to calculate the volume.



Measurement methods (continued)

#### Area

Area is the size of a surface. Area can also be called surface area. The standard unit of measure for area is metres squared  $(m^2)$ . A square metre is the same as a square on which all sides equal 1 metre.



#### For example:

You would calculate the area of a wall to work out how much paint is needed to cover the wall.

This is because you only need to know how much area the paint needs to cover, the thickness of the paint is not important.



#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS



#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS



Obtaining measurements (continued)

#### **Gradient degrees**

The easiest way to find out the angle of the gradient (degrees) is to use an online conversion tool or a table like the one below.

A Gradient of 0.1, 10% or 1:10 is equal to approximately a 5.71° angle.



#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS

#### **QUESTION 15**

What four (4) units of measure are used to describe length, height, width and depth?



**QUESTION 16** 

#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS

#### **QUESTION 17**

Use a ruler to measure the perimeter of the space pictured.

Show your measurements in mm.



pictured.

in cm.

#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS



#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS

#### **QUESTION 20**

Use a ruler to measure and record the dimensions you need to find the volume of the following shapes.



#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS

#### **QUESTION 20**

#### ...CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

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#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS



#### PERFORM MEASUREMENTS

#### **QUESTION 21**

You need to measure the gradient of a slope on a jobsite.

What measurements need to be taken to work out the gradient?



#### **QUESTION 22**

You need to work out how much soil an excavator bucket will hold.

What measurements do you need to take?

bucket so you can work out its volume.



## PERFORM CALCULATIONS



#### Select appropriate calculation method

There are a number of different ways to do calculations. The correct calculation method must be used for the job you are doing. If the wrong method is used you will end up with incorrect answers.

#### Addition (+)

Also known as **plus**, is used to work out the total amount or quantity of something by adding parts together. Addition is used when calculating perimeter, you add all the sides together to get a total.

Manual example			Electronic	c example
1. Add 9 and 5 and you get 14. $\frac{89}{+95}$	2. Place the 4 down the bottom on the right and add the 1 to the 8 to make it 9. 979 + 95 - 4		1. Enter the number 89	2. Press the (+) key
Add 9 and 9 and you get 18.4. Place the 18 down the bottom to the left of the 4 and you have the answer. $4979$ $+95$ $4$ $979$ $+95$ 			3. Enter the number 95	4. Press the (=) key and you will have your answer.

#### PC 3.2

#### **PERFORM CALCULATIONS**



#### PC 3.2

#### **PERFORM CALCULATIONS**

#### **QUESTION 38**

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Calculate the values for the following project and complete the quote. Material costs and labour charges are: Chain mesh – \$9.50¢ p/m Fence posts – \$7.00 each Fencing wire – \$0.27¢ p/m Cement – \$8.75¢ per bag Labour – \$40.00 p/h Goods and Services Tax (GST) – add 10% on the sub total price Discount – Apply a 17% discount to the grand total.

Answer

#### **Materials Quote**

Item Number	Description	UOM	Quantity	Price	Total
1	Chain mesh	p/m	80	\$9.50	\$760.00
2	Fence posts	each	25	\$7.00	\$175.00
3	Fencing wire	p/m	275	\$0.27	\$74.25
4	Cement	bag	9	\$8.75	\$78.75
5	Labour	p/h	48	\$40.00	\$1920.00
		1			
				Sub total	\$3008.00

Sub total	\$3008.00
+ GST 10%	\$300.80
Total	\$3308.80
- 17% discount	\$562.50
Estimated cost of job	\$2746.30

#### Confirm and record results

It is important that all calculations are accurate. The results of manual calculations can be double checked by using a calculator to make sure they are correct.

You could also have a workmate check the results of your calculations to make sure they are accurate. If you get the information for your calculations from a plan make sure you read the plans carefully.



#### PC 3.3

#### **PERFORM CALCULATIONS**

#### **QUESTION 39**

You have measured and calculated the materials required for a job and prepared the quote.

What should you do before giving the final quote to the customer? The quote should be double checked to make sure it is accurate.

#### **QUESTION 40**

What should you do when preparing a quote based on information you have read from a plan? Make sure you read the plan carefully and use the correct information.

SPECIFICATIONS

## **ESTIMATE QUANTITIES**



*mmm* ...

Should it be

 $m^2 or m^3$ ?

#### Select appropriate formulas

It is important to use the correct formulas when making a calculation. If the wrong formula is used the answer will not be correct.

An incorrect answer can affect:

- The quality of work
- Safety
- Profit/loss
- Deadlines.

For example:

To calculate how much water it will take to fill a swimming pool the formula for volume should be used.

If the formula for area was used instead, the answer would be incorrect and there would not be enough water to fill the pool.

#### PC 4.1

#### **ESTIMATE QUANTITIES**

Select appropriate formulas (continued)

The project in this example is to construct a concrete path in the children's play area based on the dimensions in the drawing on page 115 and details on page 116. (Refer to these pages).

Before commencing the job the amount of materials that will be required to construct the path need to be calculated.

#### Materials required are:

- Wire mesh concrete re-enforcement
- Road base (50 mm)
- Concrete (100 mm)



Select appropriate formulas (continued)

#### Wire mesh re-enforcement

The correct formula to use to work out how much wire mesh re-enforcement is needed is length times width  $(I \times w)$  or area  $(m^2)$ . The wire mesh only has to cover the surface area of the path, the thickness (depth) is not important.

If the volume was calculated instead of the area, there would be too much re-enforcement for the job.



Select appropriate formulas (continued)

#### **Concrete and road base**

The correct formula to use to work out how much concrete and road base is needed is length time's width time's height  $(I \times w \times h)$  or volume  $(m^3)$ . The concrete and road base have to fill the entire space so the thickness (depth) is important.

If the area was calculated instead of the volume, there would not be enough concrete to do the job.

Concrete 100 mm thickness



### PC 4.1 **ESTIMATE QUANTITIES QUESTION 41** The appropriate formula is area $(I \times w)$ . What is the appropriate formula for calculating how many wall tiles would be required to cover a wall? (w) **(I)** (r) Volume (Pi × $r^2$ × h) **QUESTION 42** What is the appropriate formula for calculating how much water a tank can hold? (h)

#### Make calculations for determining quantities

#### Wire mesh calculation

The area of the path needs to be calculated to work out how much wire mesh re-enforcement will be needed. Because the path is a 'T' shape, this will be done in two sections and then the two sections added together for the answer.



### **RIICCM201E Carry Out Measurements and Calculations** Review—Knowledge questions (Formative Assessment)



#### **Elements**

- 1. Plan and Prepare for Measurements and Calculations
- 2. Perform Measurements
- 3. Perform Calculations
- 4. Estimate Quantities

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РС	Question Number	Element 1 - Plan and prepare for measurements and calculations
1.2	1-A	Before performing measurements and calculations you must make sure your work is compliant. Name five (5) documents that can assist you.
1.2	1-B	Where can you find information on OHS/WHS legislation?
1.1	1-C	How can work requirements be communicated?
1.1	1-D	Why is it important to complete a JSEA?
1.3	1-E	How do you make sure tools and equipment are safe and in good working order?
1.3	1-F	What can happen if you try and measure something with a damaged tape measure?
1.2	1-J	How do we confirm that work performed is compliant? Using Range Hood above gas hob as an example.

РС	Question Number	Element 2 – Perform measurements
2.1	2-A	If you were asked to measure the perimeter of something, what would you measure?
2.1	2-В	Complete the sentences below using the following words: Length, width, height, depth. I needed to find the distance from the floor of the building to the ceiling so I measured the of the wall. To find the area of the job site I had to measure the and the width. Length, height and is measured to find the volume of a 3 dimensional space. To measure the of a trench you measure from the top of the trench to the bottom of the trench.
2.1	2-C	What are the standard units of measure for area and volume? Area = Volume =
2.1	2-D	Describe two (2) types of scale that can be used for measuring.
2.1	2-E	What two areas of a slope would you need to measure to find the gradient?

PC	Question Number	Element 2 – Perform measurements
2.2	2-F	You need to work out the area of a triangular shaped space, what measurements do you need to take?
2.2	2-G	What measurements do you need to find out the area of a circle?
2.2	2-H	What measurements do you need to take to work out the volume of a cube?
2.2	2-1	What measurements do you need to take to work out the volume of a cylinder?
2.3	2-J	Why is it important to double check measurements?



РС	Question Number	Element 3 – Perform Calculations					
3.1	3-D	There is a stockpile of top soil on site which contained 36.2 m <sup>3</sup> of soil. 2 loads of 5.3 m <sup>3</sup> , 3 loads of 3.4 m <sup>3</sup> and 1 load of 9.6 m <sup>3</sup> have been removed. One job remains which needs 6.0 <sup>3</sup> m. Is there enough top soil to do the job? (Show all workings)					
3.1	3-E	A slope has a rise of 3 m over a 24 m run. What is the gradient of the slope? Show your answer as a number, fraction, ratio and percentage. (show all workings)           Number         Fraction           Ratio         Percentage					
3.2 3.3	3-F	Use the information provided to prepare a customer quote on the following page. The materials required are: 25 cubic metres of top soil @ \$25.00 per cubic metre 5 cubic metres of orange brick sand @ \$62.00 per cubic metre 20 cubic metres of packing sand @ \$47.00 per cubic metre 10 sheets of reinforcing mesh @ \$67.00 per sheet 200 bar chairs @ \$19.95 per bag of 100 2 rolls of heavy duty builders plastic @ \$85.00 per roll 12 bags of builders cement @ \$7.62 per bag 20 cubic metres of recycled road base @ \$35.00 per cubic metre 28 treated pine sleepers @ \$27.95 each					
		8 H-beam retaining wall brackets @ \$12.60 each 160 hours labor @ \$47.25 per hour					

Easy Construction Company – Quote for works								
ltem Number	Description	UOM	Quantity	Price	Total			
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								
11								
				Sub total				
				+ GST 10%				
			Total					
			-15% discount					
			Estimated cost of materials and labor					

РС	Question Number	Element 4 – Estimate Quantities							
4.1	4-A	A 40 m long trench has been dug and had sewer pipes laid in it. You are required to							
4.2		organise crushed rock to fill the trench to the height of the sewer pipes, and topsoil to							
4.3		fill the remainder of the trench. A quantity of instant turf also needs to be ordered to							
		cover the topsoil. Select the appropriate formulas and calculate the following:							
		Quantity of crushed rock needed							
		Quantity of topsoil needed							
		<ul> <li>Quantity of instant turf needed</li> </ul>							
		<ul> <li>Round all results up to the nearest 10.</li> </ul>							
		The trench is 2.2 m deep and 2.2 m wide.							
		The sewer pipe has an OD of 1100 mm.							
4.4	4-B	What are the three (3) types of tolerance that may be allowed when taking							
		measurements and calculations?							
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РС	Question Number	Element 0 – General Questions.
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1.2	5-A	If you had left over cut offs from missed measurements, what sort of problems would this cause.

2.1	5-B	When taking measurements how does work health and safety procedures fit into your work environment of work. Describe a situation where OHS might affect you taking measurements.

1.2	5-C	In the event of an accident when taking a measurement what procedures document should you follow.

### Further training needed:

<u>Note</u>: Formative assessment is designed to check on a learner's progress during the training period. Further training and experience may be needed if learner has not completed all tasks to a satisfactory level.

## **Mapping Tool**

### **RIICCM201E Carry out measurements and calculations**

Note: This completed document shows that the enclosed learning materials have been mapped against the Unit of Competency.

#### Legend

PC	Performance Criteria
PE	Performance Evidence
KE	Knowledge Evidence

#### Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to carry out **measurements** and **calculations** in the resources and infrastructure industries. It includes using measurements and calculations to estimate quantities for various work activities.

It applies to those working in operational roles.

They generally work under supervision to undertake a prescribed range of functions involving known routines and procedures and take responsibility for the quality of own work outcomes.

Licensing, legislative and certification requirements may apply to this unit can vary between states, territories and industry sectors. Users must check requirements with relevant body before applying the unit.

Unit Sector

**Civil construction** 

#### Section 1 – Performance Criteria

Performance Criteria (PC)	Learner Guide & Multimedia Presentation	Review Questions & Practical tasks (Formative Assessment)		Test Paper (Summative Assessment)		RTO to fill out (Customised and additional
		Review Question	Practical Training Task	KNOWLEDGE	PRACTICAL	handouts)
Element 1 Plan and prepare for m	neasurements and calculations		Doc 6	Doc 7 & 8	Doc 7 & 8	
1.1 Obtain, interpret and confirm work requirements	Element 1 Work requirements, JSEA, SWMS. Question 3, 4.	1-C, 1-D	Task 1, 2	1-C, 1-D, 1-E	1-A	
1.2 Access, interpret and apply documentation and procedures	Element 1 Compliance documents. Question 1a, 2, 1b, 1c	1-A, 1-B, 1-J	Task 1, 2	1-A, 1-B, 1-I-B, 1-J	1-A	
1.3 Select the appropriate plant and equipment and check for faults	Element 1 Select and check tools and equipment, calibration. Question 5, 6.	1-E, 1-F	Task 3	1-F, 1-G, 1-H, 1-I	1-A	

Performance Criteria (PC)	Learner Guide &	Review Questions & Practical tasks (Formative Assessment)		Test Paper (Summative Assessment)		RTO to fill out (Customised and additional materials, eq. web sites, DVDs	
	Multimedia Presentation	Review Question	Practical Training Task	KNOWLEDGE	PRACTICAL	handouts)	
Element 2 Perform measurement	ts						
2.1 Select and apply the	Element 2	2-A, 2-B, 2-C,	Task 4	2-A, 2-B, 2-C,	2-A		
appropriate method of	Measurement methods,	2-D, 2-E		2-D, 2-E, 2-F,			
obtaining the measurement	length, height, width,			2-G, 2-H, 2-I			
required	depth, perimeter,						
	circumference, diameter,						
	radius, area, volume,				r		
	weight, mass, scale,						
	gradient.						
	Question						
	7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.						
2.2 Obtain measurements using	Element 2	2-F, 2-G, 2-H,	Task 4	2-J, 2-K, 2-L	2-A		
appropriate plant and	Obtaining measurements,	2-1					
equipment and confirm the	length, height, width,						
required accuracy	depth, short distances,						
	medium distances, long						
	distances, circumference,						
	diameter, radius, area of a						
	square or rectangle,						
	triangle, circle, trapezoid,						
	parallelogram, ellipse,						
	volume of a cube, cylinder,						
	cone, pyramid, triangular						
	prism, weight and mass,	×					
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	gradient						
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