

# Evidence Assessment

## Infection Control: Laundry

### A Guide for Completing Evidence Assessment

The below can be used by coordinators to illustrate that learners are able to apply the information they have learnt in relation to their own role and place of work. In addition to the corresponding Altura Learning course, assessors may need to provide learners with local organisational resources and policies for them to demonstrate this knowledge.

The assessment should be conducted by an assessor who is competent in the principles of infection control in relation to laundry procedures. The assessor can mark that the staff member has adequately met the requirements of the assessment as per the criteria below by monitoring their practice during a shift.

Observe the learner at work completing tasks appropriate to this subject and complete the table below. Add any notes on areas for improvement or extra information in the notes column. This observation can be repeated until you are happy that the learner is competent in this area.

### Skills Audit – Maintaining Infection Control Throughout Daily Duties

Criteria	Notes	✓ / ✗
<b>Following Vital Laundry Procedures During Your Shift</b>		
<b>Standard Infection Control Precautions</b>		
• Performs hand hygiene appropriately		
• Identifies the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to use, correctly donning and doffing		
<b>Transmission-Based Infection Control Precautions</b>		
• Identifies when transmission-based precautions are required (i.e. when there is a high risk of infection, a confirmed infectious outbreak or a risk of direct contact with blood or bodily fluids)		
• Identifies the appropriate PPE to use, based on the organisation’s policies and procedures, correctly		

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donning and doffing		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carries out enhanced laundry collection and washing procedures</li> </ul>		
<b>Hand Hygiene</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member performs hand hygiene at regular intervals, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before donning PPE</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After removing PPE</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the risk of contact with bodily fluids, infectious agents or chemicals</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When moving between clean &amp; dirty laundry areas</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following contact with an individual or their immediate surroundings</li> </ul>		
<b>Colour Coding of Laundry</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member designates <b>used</b> laundry to a specific coloured bag, as per the organisation's colour coding system</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member designates <b>heavily soiled</b> laundry to a specific coloured bag, as per the organisation's colour coding system</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member designates <b>infectious laundry</b> to a specific coloured bag, as per the organisation's colour coding system</li> </ul>		
<b>Separation of Used Laundry</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If applicable, used laundry is further divided into:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident clothing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delicate items</li> </ul>		N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bed linen and towelling</li> </ul>		N/A
<b>Collection of Laundry</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member performs hand hygiene</li> </ul>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member dons PPE, appropriate to laundry type and as per organisation's policies and procedures</li> </ul>		
<b>Dirty Laundry</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laundry collected in resident's room</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member uses appropriate colour coded bag and type of bag (linen or alginate bag)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile skip utilised</li> </ul>		
<b>Heavily Soiled &amp; Infectious Laundry</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laundry collected and placed into appropriate alginate bag</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member uses appropriate colour coded alginate bag and places into corresponding coloured linen bag</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobile skip utilised</li> </ul>		
<b>Bed Linen &amp; Towelling</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member gently folds each item in on itself and places in appropriate colour coded bag</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member ensures towels are not wrapped in larger items</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member does not shake the laundry</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member holds laundry items away from their body and uniform</li> </ul>		
<b>Collection and Transportation of Dirty Laundry</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member follows the organisation's policies and procedures for transporting dirty laundry via the laundry chute</li> </ul>		N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member follows organisation's policies and procedures for transporting linen to the laundry</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member uses appropriately labelled 'dirty' trolley</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member transfers laundry bags from skip to trolley in dirty utility room</li> </ul>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once trolley is full, staff member transports dirty trolley to the laundry</li> </ul>		
<b>Washing</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member dons PPE, appropriate to laundry type and as per organisation's policies and procedures</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member appropriately separates used laundry items</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member adheres to 'in-out' system, ensuring dirty laundry is kept separate from clean laundry</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dirty laundry is washed as soon as possible</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member selects appropriate disinfection method, considering type of material and possible contamination</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If applicable, staff member follows load weight procedure, and uses appropriate amount of chemicals to achieve disinfection</li> </ul>		N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If applicable, staff member fills machine following the fist gap measure</li> </ul>		N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If applicable, staff member ensures dip (water level) is appropriate</li> </ul>		N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member selects appropriate wash cycle and/or time to achieve disinfection</li> </ul>		N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member places water-soluble bags and their contents into washing machine</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If applicable, staff member places heavily soiled items into the sluice, prior to normal wash</li> </ul>		N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After loading the machine, staff member wipes the seal, handle and opening of the washing machine's door with disinfectant solution</li> </ul>		
<b>Drying</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Washed items are placed into clean tub or trolley</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items are transported to the dryer</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items are appropriately sorted based on the type of</li> </ul>		

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material		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All items are dried as soon as possible</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lint is removed from the dryer at the end of each cycle</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items that cannot go in the dryer are hung above floor level and in a place away from the main laundry area</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sheets and pillowcases are partially dried in the dryer, then ironed</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member uses appropriate care and attention when ironing and presenting resident's garments</li> </ul>		
<b>Storage</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member performs hand hygiene before handling clean items</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member ensures all personal clothing items are placed onto a clean trolley or transportation rack, or sorted into individual storage boxes, as per the organisation's policies and procedures</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items are delivered to the resident's rooms</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bedding, linen, towels, and other communal items are transported to the linen cupboard</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member ensures fresher items are placed under the items that are currently in the cupboard</li> </ul>		
<b>Cleaning</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member wipes down laundry equipment and machinery at regular intervals throughout the day (e.g. washing machines, dryers, ironing equipment, skips, trolleys) using disinfectant solution</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member ensures to wipe frequently touched points (e.g. skip handles)</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worktops and floors are cleaned regularly throughout the day</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff member ensures chemicals are stored safely</li> </ul>		
<b>Checklists</b>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff member completes appropriate documentation following each task</li> </ul>		
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Skills assessment completed satisfactorily:

Yes

No

Comments/ action required:


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Learner Name:

Signature:

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Supervisor Name:

Signature:

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