Specification of Competency Standards
for the Fashion Industry
Unit of Competency

Functional Area - Quality System & Sustainability

Title	Apply lean approach to improve efficiency
Code	108240L5
Description	Apply a lean approach to eliminate waste and improve efficiency in a fashion business. This applies to individuals who are required to apply a lean approach and methods to facilitate systematic identification and elimination of waste or non-value-added elements in a fashion business.
Level	5
Credit	3
Competency	Performance Requirements 1. Knowledge in the subject area Be able to: • understand the lean principles and commonly used methods for improving efficiency in the fashion industry (e.g. 5S) • critically evaluate the purposes of particular methods and the appropriate contexts of their application (e.g. eliminate waste resulting from improper organisation of work area) • outline typical sources of waste or inefficiency in the fashion industry (e.g. downtime, scrap, inefficient setups) • apply the lean approach to address different types of waste or inefficiency 2. Application and process Be able to: • identify the goals and extent of efficiency enhancement of a fashion business • examine business operations or production processes to map the processes and added value (e.g. through value stream mapping) • identify resource use or activities (e.g. waiting) that do not contribute to value desired by customers, recipients or stakeholders (e.g. through value-added analysis) • apply relevant methods to achieve waste reduction or streamline processes (e.g. use 5S to standardise and sustain arrangements) • eliminate opportunities for error (e.g. through mistake proofing technique) • implement the improvements and institutionalise to sustain the practices 3. Exhibit professionalism Be able to: • find ways to increase value to customers, recipients or stakeholders and eliminate waste and inefficiency
Assessment Criteria	The integrated outcome requirements of this UoC are the abilities to accomplish: • Systematic application of lean approach and methods to facilitate identification and elimination of waste or non-value-added elements in a fashion business, which take into consideration the goals and extent of efficiency enhancement.
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