Specification of Competency Standards for the Import and Export Industry

Unit of Competency

Functional Area: Finance

Title	Manage cost deviation
Code	105234L4
Range	This unit of competency is applicable to practitioners in the import and export industry to identify cost variance and manage cost deviation.
Level	4
Credit	5 (for reference only)
Competency	 Performance Requirement 1. Describe cost monitoring process Use cost monitoring process to identify cost variance Use principles of cost monitoring to handle cost deviation 2.1. Identify cost variance Estimate standard cost (i.e., per-unit cost expected to be incurred under normal operating conditions) for various accounts Estimate actual cost for various accounts (including actual quantity and cost) Identify the cost variance (i.e., differences between actual and standard input prices and quantity) Alert top management when the unfavourable variance (i.e., actual cost exceeds standard cost) goes beyond the tolerant limit 2.2. Evaluate remedial action Identify and evaluate the causes of cost variance Review and revise standard costs 3. Establish cost deviation procedure Establish an effective cost deviation control system and cost deviation procedure Integrate approved revised cost changes with other control mechanisms
Assessment Criteria	 The integrated outcome requirements of this unit of competency are: Capable of identifying cost variance Capable of reviewing standard cost Capable of handling cost deviation
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