## APPLY BASIC MATHEMATICS

## UNIT CODE: CON/OS/BUT/BC/CU/01/5/A

## UNIT DESCRIPTION:

This unit describes the competencies required in applying algebra, trigonometry, statistics, indices logarithms and ratio. It also involves performing geometrical calculations, business calculations, carrying out mensuration and plotting simple graphs.

## ELEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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| 1. Apply algebra | 1.1 Calculations involving Indices are performed based on the concept <br> 1.2 Linear equations are represented based on the concept <br> 1.3 Scientific calculator is used in solving mathematical problems in line with manufacturer's manual <br> 1.4 Simultaneous equations are performed based on mathematical rules <br> 1.5 Simple algebraic equations are formed based on the concept <br> 1.6 Simple algebraic equations are solved based on the concept |
| 2. Apply trigonometry | 2.1 Trigonometric ratios are derived based on trigonometric rules. <br> 2.2 Calculations are performed based on trigonometric rules |
| 3. Perform geometrical calculations | 3.1 Areas of regular figures are calculated based on the given formulae <br> 3.2 Areas of irregular figures are calculated based on concept <br> 3.3 Apply Pythagoras' theorem based on the concept |
| 4. Carry out basic mensuration | 4.1 Various units of measurements are identified based on the course requirements 4.2 Units are converted based on best practices |


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|  | 4.3 Perimeter and areas of regular figures are obtained based on known formulae <br> 4.4 Area of irregular figures are obtained based on best practice <br> 4.5 Volume and Surface area of solids are obtained based on given formulae |
| 5. Apply statistics | 5.1 Grouped and ungrouped data is identified and interpreted based on given sample <br> 5.2 Ungrouped data is organized based on the concept <br> 5.3 Data is represented in frequency tables based on the concept <br> 5.4 The median, mode and mean of grouped and ungrouped data is calculated based on the concept <br> 5.5 Data is presented in a chart form based on the concept |
| 6. Plot simple graphs | 6.1 A graph is plotted for given set of data based on data <br> 6.2 Information from a given graph is interpreted based on data |
| 7. Apply Indices and Logarithms | 7.1 Converted numbers from one base to another <br> 7.2 Applied the laws of indices in solving exponential equations <br> 7.3 Applied the laws of logarithms in solving logarithmic equations |
| 8. Apply Ratios | 9.1 Differentiated between rational and irrational numbers <br> 9.2 Expressed ratios as percentages <br> 9.3 Solved problems involving direct and inverse proportions |

## RANGE

This section provides work environments and conditions to which the performance criteria apply. It allows for different work environments and situations that will affect performance.

| Variable | Range |
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| 1. Units of measurement may include but not limited to: | - Millimetres <br> - Centimetres <br> - Metres <br> - Kilometres |
| 2. Figures may include but not limited to: | - square <br> - rectangle <br> - triangle <br> - polygons <br> - circles |
| 3. Graph may include but not limited to: | - linear graphs <br> - bar graphs <br> - pie chart <br> - pictograph |

## REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit of competency.

## Required Skills

The individual needs to demonstrate the following skills:

- Logical thinking
- Problem solving
- interpersonal
- Drawing
- sketching
- measuring skills


## Required knowledge

The individual needs to demonstrate knowledge of:

- Fundamental operations (addition, subtraction, division, multiplication)
- Calculating area and volume
- Types and purpose of measuring instruments
- Units of measurement and abbreviations
- Rounding techniques
- Types of fractions
- Types of angles
- Types of tables and graphs
- Presentation


## EVIDENCE GUIDE

This provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills, knowledge and range.

| 1. Critical aspects of Competency | Assessment requires evidence that the candidate: <br> 1.1 Demonstrated ability to apply basic trigonometry based on trigonometric rules. <br> 1.2 Carried out mensuration as per formulae. <br> 1.3 Applied algebra as per algebraic concepts. <br> 1.4 Performed geometrical calculations based on concepts. <br> 1.5 Demonstrated knowledge of applied statistics in accordance with statistical concepts. <br> 1.6 Plotted simple graphs as per provided data. |
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| 2. Resource Implications | The following resources should be provided: <br> 2.1 Access to relevant or appropriately simulated environment where assessment can take place <br> 2.2 Measuring equipment <br> 2.3 Materials relevant to the proposed activity or tasks |
| 3. Methods of Assessment | Competency in this unit may be assessed through: <br> 3.1 Written tests <br> 3.2 Practical Tests <br> 3.3 Oral Questioning |
| 4. Context of Assessment | Competency may be assessed: <br> 4.1 On-the-job <br> 4.2 In a simulated workplace setting |
| 5. Guidance information for assessment | Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. |

