BASIC PAVEMENT STRUCTURE DESIGN

UNIT CODE: CON/CU/CET/CR/03/6/A

Relationship to Occupational Standards

This unit addresses the Unit of Competency: Design pavement structure

Duration of Unit: 120 Hours

Unit Description

This unit specifies the competencies required to design basic pavement structures. It involves conducting site visit, designing highway drainage and hydraulic structures, designing road geometrics, designing pavement structure, designing pedestrian and cyclist path and designing for road furniture.

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Summary of Learning Outcomes

- 1 Conduct site visit
- 2 Design highway, drainage and hydraulic structures
- 3 Design road geometrics
- 4 Design pavement structure
- 5 Design pedestrian and cyclist paths
- 6 Design road furniture

Learning Outcomes, Content and Suggested Assessment Methods

Learning Outcome	Content	Suggested Assessment Methods	
1. Conduct site visit	 Preliminary site visit Determining of pavement location Preparation for site visit Data collection methods Tools and equipment for data collection Collection of on-site data 	 Observation Case studies Oral Third party report 	
2. Design highway drainage and hydraulic structures	 Contract documents Survey resources Statutory requirements 	 Observation Case studies Oral Third party report 	

•	Data collection tools and	
	equipment	
•	Data analysis	
•	Identification of pavement	
	location	
•	Natural characteristics of the	
	drainage site	
•	Hydrology engineering	
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•	Establishment of longitudinal	
	section of the river	
•	Determination of water levels	
	and velocity at the river	
•	Location of highway drainage	
	sites	
•	Determination of highway	
	drainage and hydraulic	
	structures for construction	
•	Determination of drainage size	
•	Estimation of rainfall intensity	
•	Types and nature of ground	
	cover	
•	Estimation of surface run-off	
•	Documentation of estimated	
	surface run-off	
•	Hydraulic and hydrology	
•	Soil science	
•	Location of drainage structures	
•	Determination of drainage span	
•	Development of material	
	schedules	
•	Designing highway drainage	
	structures	
•	Production of construction	
	drawings	
•	Documentation of drawings	
•	Standard manuals and designs	

•	Geometry	
•	Measuring tools and equipment	
•	Types of highway drainages	
•	Determination of Equivalent	
	Standard Axle (ESA), life loads	
	and bridge dead load	
•	Selection of bridge construction	
	resources	
•	Determination of material	
	properties for construction	
•	Designing of bridge	
	components	
•	Geometrics	
•	Foundation engineering	
•	Design manuals	
•	Material science	
•	Basic quantity survey	
•	Preparation of construction	
	drawings	
•	Reporting and documentation	
•	Determination of Equivalent	
	Standard Axle (ESA), life loads	
	and drift dead load	
•	Properties of construction	
	materials	
•	Geometrics	
•	Design manuals	
•	Soil science	
•	Foundation engineering	
•	Selection of drift and/or	
	causeways construction	
	materials	
•	Design of drift and causeway	
•	Preparation of drawings	
•	Documentation of drawings	
•	Preparations for designing	

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	• Determination of retaining wall	
	types for construction	
	• Selection of materials for	
	construction	
	Geometrics	
	• Determination of nature of load	
	Soil science	
	• Determination of soil lateral	
	pressure and its line of action	
	• Soil bearing capacity	
	Foundation engineering	
	Construction designs and	
	standard manuals	
	• Documentation of drawings	
	• Interpretation of construction	
	drawings	
	• Interpretation of Material	
	schedules	
	• Determination of highway	
	drainage structure for	
	construction	
	• Determination and selection of	
	construction materials	
	Construction material science	
	• Construction material estimates	
	• Principles of quantity surveying	
3. Design road	□ Acquisition of resources	Written tests
geometrics	Determination of Original	Observation
	Ground Levels (OGL)	Oral questioning
	• Determination of:	 Third party report
	• Horizontal	
	alignments	
	• Vertical alignments	
	• Determination of road	
	intersections	
	• Preparation of working	
	drawings	

		• Preparation and presentation of report.		
2	Design pavement structure	 Introduction to pavements designs Acquisition of design resources Types of pavements Designing of pavement structures Preparation of pavement structural drawings Development of materials schedules Preparation and presentation of detailed report and material specifications 	•	Written tests Observation Oral questions Third party report
3	Design pedestrian and cyclist paths	 Identification and gathering of required resources Estimation of pedestrian and cyclist traffic Design manuals Geometrics Determination and locating of pedestrian and cyclist path Designing of pedestrian and cyclist paths Preparation of drawings Preparation and presentation of detailed report and specifications 	•	Written tests Observation Oral questions Third party report
4	Design road furniture	 Introduction to road furniture Gathering of required resources Determination of road furniture Location of road furniture Design manuals Geometrics Designing of road furniture 	•	Written tests Observation Oral questions Third party report

•	Production of drawings	
•	Preparation and presentation of	
	detailed report and	
	specifications	

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Suggested Methods of Instruction

- Direct instruction
- Project
- Case studies
- Field trips/site visits
- Discussions
- Demonstration by trainer
- Practice by the trainee

Recommended Resources:

- Computers
- CAD & GIS Software
- Cameras
- Construction manuals
- Projectors
- Flip charts
- Calculators
- Stationery
- Charts with presentations of data
- Drawing sheets
- Internet
- Relevant videos
- Workstation