UKFTTCS11 – Form-finish and inspect textile items using steam and/or air

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| **Overview:** |
| This standard is for those who plan the work and organise and control the use of steam and,or,air to form and finish textile items. You will also be responsible for checking that items meet organisational forming and finishing standards and actioning these if standards are not met.  This standard is for textile form finishers. |
| **Performance Criteria:** |
| P1 plan the work to be done and follow instructions to complete the work ~~allocated~~   1. check that the forming and finishing equipment is safe and ready to use 2. check that items are suitable for steam/air process and redirect if unsuitable 3. check that items are not damaged prior to finishing and report any damaged items 4. identify and remove any foreign objects from the item prior to processing in line with organisational procedures 5. make necessary adjustments to steam/air pressure in line with item/fabric requirements 6. process items in steam and air finishers 7. inspect the items following forming and finishing to ensure it meets the organisations finishing requirements 8. identify items that do not meet organisational finishing requirements and action these 9. safely unload items and direct to the correct location for dispatch   P10 identify any problems or faults that may arise during forming and finishing and report these |
| **Knowledge and Understanding** |
| 1. how to safely operate forming and finishing equipment 2. what the specific hazards associated with steam and air finishing are 3. how to plan work, making the best use of resources available 4. how to interpret care labels 5. how different fibres and fabrics are affected during the finishing process 6. the correct steam/air/humidification settings for automated finishing equipment 7. how faults in the process may affect the condition of items 8. how to identify faults with equipment and who to report them to 9. why it is important to identify items that do not meet organisational standards for finishing and how to action these   K10 statutory responsibilities under health, safety and environmental legislation  and regulations during the finishing process |

UKFTTCS8 Press and finish textile items following laundry

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| **Overview:** |
| This standard is for those who press and finish textile items using rotary presses, scissor presses or iron and rotary iron. You will also inspect pressed items to confirm these meet the organisation’s finishing quality specification.  This standard is for textile care operatives who specialise in pressing and finishing. |
| **Performance Criteria:** |
| 1. identify the correct method of pressing or finishing for an item and select the equipment to be used 2. check that the selected pressing and finishing equipment is safe and ready to use 3. check and adjust the locking pressure on scissor presses if required 4. assess the efficiency of the vacuum to be used and correct this if required 5. press items to the organisation’s finishing specification 6. inspect items to ensure that they are pressed to organisational quality standards 7. identify unsatisfactorily pressed items and deal with these in accordance with organisational procedures 8. pass the satisfactory items over for packaging and dispatch 9. record details of items pressed and finished in line with organisational procedures |
| **Knowledge and Understanding** |
| 1. the correct pressing and finishing equipment to use for different types of items 2. how to identify and take action if safety mechanisms malfunction 3. what the effects of moisture in finishing are and how to deal with unacceptable levels of moisture retention 4. how to interpret care labels 5. what the correct steam pressures are for different items 6. how different textiles respond to heat and pressure 7. the organisation’s finishing specification for items 8. how to record throughput of items for pressing and finishing 9. what the common faults are when pressing and how to deal with them 10. statutory responsibilities under health, safety and environmental legislation and regulations during the finishing process |