





### QUALIFICATIONS PACK - OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS FOR ALLIED HEALTHCARE

# What are Occupational Standards(OS)?

- OS describe what individuals need to do, know and understand in order to carry out a particular job role or function
- performance standards that individuals must achieve when carrying out functions in the workplace, together with specifications of the underpinning knowledge and understanding

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### Introduction

### **Qualifications Pack-Speech Audio Therapy Assistant**

**SECTOR:** HEALTHCARE

**SUB-SECTOR:** Allied Healthcare & Paramedics

**OCCUPATION:** Speech Audio Therapy Assistant

**REFERENCE ID:** HSS/Q7601

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Speech & Audio Therapy Assistant in the Healthcare Industry is also known as a Speech Pathologist, Speech and Language Specialist, Speech-Language Therapist, Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped, Bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist, Speech and Language Clinician, Speech Therapist and Communication Specialist

**Brief Job Description:** Speech & Audio Therapy Assistant work in numerous settings, including schools, hospitals, clinics and long-term health care facilities. They perform under supervision of speech & audio pathologists for providing assistance in screening, identifying, assessing, diagnosing, referring, and counselling to persons with articulation, fluency, voice, language, communication, hearing, swallowing, and related disabilities under the guidance and supervision of therapist.

**Personal Attributes:** Speech & Audio Therapy Assistant should be able to effectively communicate in a manner easily understood by their clients. Good listening skills are necessary. Should be able to work in team. They should be mature, patient, resourceful, and skillful in managing & understanding patient for frequently collaborating with patients, parents, therapist and other health professionals.



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Qualifications Pack Code	HSS/Q7601		
Job Role	Speech Audio Therapy Assistant		
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Including schools, hospitals, clinics and long-term health care facilities. They perform under supervision of speech & audio pathologists, such as assisting in screening, identifying, assessing, diagnosing, referring, and counselling to persons with articulation, fluency, voice, language, communication, hearing, swallowing, and related disabilities under the guidance and supervision of therapist.  NSQF level  Minimum Educational Qualifications* Maximum Educational Qualifications* Training (Suggested but not mandatory)  Minimum Job Entry Age  Experience  Not Applicable  Compulsory:  1. HSS/N7601: Carry out speech-language and hearing screening, diagnosis and assessments under supervision  2. HSS/N7602: Coordinate the administrative duties  3. HSS/N7603: Support individuals during therapy sessions  4. HSS/N9603: Act within the limits of one's competence and Authority  5. HSS/N9607: Practice Code of conduct while performing duties  Optional	Job Role	Speech Audio Therapy Assistant	
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Performance Criteria As described in the relevant OS units	Performance Criteria	As described in the relevant OS units	







Keywords /Terms	Description
Core Skills/Generic Skills	Core Skills or Generic Skills are a group of skills that are essential to learning and working in today's world. These skills are typically needed in any work environment. In the context of the OS, these include communication related skills that are applicable to most job roles.
Description	Description gives a short summary of the unit content. This would be helpful to anyone searching on a database to verify that this is the appropriate OS they are looking for.
Function	Function is an activity necessary for achieving the key purpose of the sector, occupation, or area of work, which can be carried out by a person or a group of persons. Functions are identified through functional analysis and form the basis of OS.
Job role	Job role defines a unique set of functions that together form a unique employment opportunity in an organisation.
Knowledge and Understanding	Knowledge and Understanding are statements that together specify the technical, generic, professional and organisational specific knowledge that an individual needs in order to perform to the required standard.
Occupation	Occupation is a set of job roles, which perform similar/related set of functions in an industry.
National Occupational Standards (NOS)	NOS are Occupational Standards that apply uniquely in the Indian context.
Occupational Standards (OS)	OS specify the standards of performance an individual must achieve when carrying out a function in the workplace, together with the knowledge and understanding they need to meet that standard consistently. Occupational Standards are applicable both in the Indian and global contexts.
Organisational Context	Organisational Context includes the way the organisation is structured and how it operates, including the extent of operative knowledge managers have of their relevant areas of responsibility.
Performance Criteria	Performance Criteria are statements that together specify the standard of performance required when carrying out a task.
Qualifications Pack Code	Qualifications Pack Code is a unique reference code that identifies a qualifications pack.
Qualifications Pack(QP)	Qualifications Pack comprises the set of OS, together with the educational, training and other criteria required to perform a job role. A Qualifications Pack is assigned a unique qualification pack code.
Scope	Scope is the set of statements specifying the range of variables that an individual may have to deal with in carrying out the function which have a critical impact on the quality of performance required.







Sector Sector is a conglomeration of different business operations having simil	
	businesses and interests. It may also be defined as a distinct subset of the
	economy whose components share similar characteristics and interests.









Sub-functions Sub-functions are sub-activities essential to fulfil the achieving the object the function.			
Sub-sector	Sub-sector is derived from a further breakdown based on the characteristics and interests of its components.		
Technical Knowledge	Technical Knowledge is the specific knowledge needed to accomplish specific designated responsibilities.		
Unit Code  Unit Code is a unique identifier for an OS unit, which can be denoted with 'N'.			
Unit Title  Unit Title gives a clear overall statement about what the incumbent should be able to do.			
Vertical	Vertical may exist within a sub-sector representing different domain		
	areas or the client industries served by the industry.		
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ICF	Description International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health		
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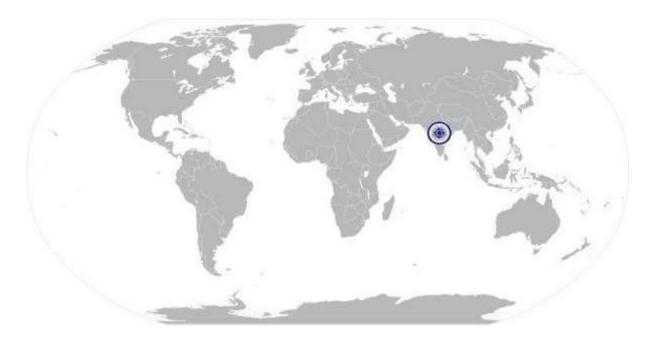






Carry out speech-language and hearing screening, diagnosis and assessments under supervision

# National Occupational Standard



### Overview

This Occupational Standard describes the knowledge, understanding and skills required of a Speech Audio Therapy Assistant to carry out speech-language and hearing screening, diagnosis and assessments under supervision of therapist









Unit Code	HSS/N7601		
Unit Title	Carry out speech-language and hearing screening, diagnosis and assessments under		
(Task)	supervision of senior		
Description	This OS unit Speech Audio Therapy Assistant for conducting screening, clinical diagnostic and clinical intervention services for person with communication disorders (speech, language and hearing impairments) under the supervision of senior. The therapist may gather necessary information from the significant people in the patient's life. He/she should be able to develop a comprehensive assessment plan within mandated timelines. He/she assesses and documents the areas of speech & language, hearing and swallowing, , identifies the reason for the assessment under the supervision of senior. The result from the screening is used to identify and address specific areas of speech & language, hearing and swallowing. The patient's dominant language and level of language proficiency are specified in the assessment plan.		
Scope	The scope of this task is to assist senior in conducting the following:		
	Screening, diagnosing and assessing language, voice, speech fluency, articulation, hearing and listening, swallowing, language and literacy skills and alternate and augmentative communication skills Comprehensive assessment includes the components of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) (WHO, 2001):  Identifying the underlying body functions and structures that impair the patient's communication and swallowing abilities  Identifying the extent to which the communication and swallowing condition impacts on the patient's ability to perform everyday life activities  Identifying how to facilitate the patient's participation in educational, employment and social interactions on a daily basis  Assessing measures that:  Minimize cultural and linguistic bias Are appropriate for the patient's age Match the stated purpose of the assessment tool to the reported needs of the patient Describe the patient's specific communication abilities and difficulties Elicit optimal evidence of the patients communication competence Describe real communication tasks  Selecting appropriate assessment methods and conduct a balanced assessment which may include:  Gathering information from parent(s), family, student, teachers, other service providers  Compiling a client history from interviews and thorough record review Collecting client-centered, contextualized, performance-based, descriptive, and functional information  Selecting and administering reliable, valid and standardized assessment sensitivity		









Performance Criteria(PC) w.r.t. the Scope			
Element	Performance Criteria		
	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must:		
	PC1. Possess knowledge of the signs, symptoms and characteristics of the conditions with communication disorders		
	PC2. Have knowledge of the available tests, tools, procedures and methods, current developments in the diagnosis and assessment of patients with communication disorders		
	PC3. Be able to choose the appropriate tests/tools for the screening, diagnosis and assessment		
	PC4. Have had hands-on experience in the administration of the above PC5. Have knowledge of factors that could interfere with the adequacy of the test/procedure implementation PC6. Have the flexibility to conduct need-based screening/diagnostic and assessment procedures		
	procedures		
Knowledge and Under	standing (K)		
A. Organizational Context (Knowledge of the company / organization and	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: KA1. The scope and objectives of the organisation in order to perform the duties to meet the vision and mission of the organisation KA2. Breadth and depth of the functioning of the organisation in order to choose the appropriate approaches and methods for his/her role defined in the organisation		
its processes)	KA3. Documentation methods for interdisciplinary communication (wherever applicable) for the specific organisation		
B. Technical Knowledge	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: KB1. The scope of screening, diagnostic and assessment protocols/ tests/ procedures in order to provide professional reports and also to be conversant with other professionals		
	KB2. The necessity to develop/adapt need-based test/tools/procedures and be able to design and develop for the specific population KB3. The advancements and availability for the same		
Skills (S)			
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills		
Generic Skills	The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA1. Generate professional records for communication with the clients as well as with cross-disciplinary professionals SA2. Report with objectivity keeping ethical guidelines into consideration SA3. Report findings for public (lay people) for awareness programs, technical people (scientific group) in seminars and conference		
	SA4. Write at least in one local/ official language used in the local community SA5. Maintain records and be accountable as required after the interaction		









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	Reading Skills
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:  SA6. Read and interpret/relate the findings of reports from other disciplines in order to adequately carry out his/her job  SA7. Read and interpret self-reported documents by person who are non-verbal/or from family members in order to collate appropriate information for clinicaldiagnostic work
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SA8. Listen actively, take time to understand the points being made and Ask appropriate questions without interrupting at inappropriate times SA9. Speak at least one local language/or find a suitable interpreter and substantiate the translated information with documents provided by the patient SA10. Communicate effectively with all individuals by suitably adapting the communication skills (vocabulary, content, phrasing and complexity of theme) depending on the type of population that is being addressed SA11. Verify if the intended message to the targeted listener is sent in the right perspective
B. Professional Skills	Decision Making
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB1. Suggest methods for appropriate educational/ occupational/ community support for long-term benefits to be derived by the client with communication disorders SB2. Convey the outcome of diagnostic/assessment findings in order to sustain the motivation of the client/family  Plan and Organize  The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB3. Schedule diagnostic/assessment sessions without leading to procedural caveats SB4. Conduct periodic assessment to monitor the patient's condition
	SB5. Carry out intermittent/need-based procedures as per the patient's condition
	Customer Centricity  The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB6. Be sensitive to patient's need and feelings SB7. Be sensitive to preferred mode of communication , physical well-being , hearing status, developmental abilities or cognitive abilities, social and mental health status SB8. Be sensitive to protect the privacy and rights of patients with communication disorders SB9. Plan, organise, schedule and adapt procedures in conformation with the convenience of the patient particularly, for young children and senior citizens and person with severe disorders  Problem Solving  The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB10. Find solution to problems/challenges posed by the condition w.r.t. diagnosis/ assessment









diagnosis and assessment

SB12. Find solution to problems/challenges posed by the manpower/time constraints

### **Analytical Thinking**

The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB13. Analyse and interpret the diagnostic/assessment reports in consensus with the other prerequisites for the process compiled during clinical interactions

SB14. Analyse the organisational prerequisites in order to plan and schedule the clinical diagnostic activity

SB15. Analyse the patient's requirements before selection of diagnostic/assessment procedures and not follow a thumb-rule irrespective of the patient's needs

### **Critical Thinking**

The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB16. Collate the diagnostic/assessment reports and critically evaluate the report from the patient's perspective to generate future plans for intervention SB17. Collate diagnostic/assessment reports to generate evidence-based records for empirical work

SB18. Propose new ideas/strategies by critically evaluating the routine scheduled activities for growth and development of the organisation

## **NS Version Control**

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Coordinate the administrative duties

# National Occupational Standard



### **Overview**

This Occupational Standard describes the knowledge, understanding and skills required of a Speech Audio Therapy Assistant for coordinating and supervising the administrative duties. Remove word Supervising









# HSS/N7602 Coordinate the administrative duties Unit Code HSS/N7602

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Unit Code	HSS/N7602
Unit Title	Coordinate the administrative duties
(Task) Description	This OS unit is about a Speech Audio Therapy Assistant coordinating duties performed by sub-staff, maintenance of equipment, public education and community research, and supporting administrative procedures concerned with person with communication disorders
Scope	<ul> <li>Routine calibration and maintenance of equipment in the set-up/centre         Assisting the consultant speech and hearing professionals in community research projects to evolve methods and procedures for community services Streamline administrative procedures w.r.t the issue of disability certificates, and other welfare measures for person with communication disorders     </li> <li>Comprehensive coordination of administrative duties includes adequate knowledge of the procedures, documents, personnel and permission necessary for the purpose</li> </ul>
Performance Criteria(PC	C) w.r.t. the Scope
Element	Performance Criteria
Knowledge and Unders	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must: PC1. Possess knowledge of administrative procedures as prescribed for the setup/ center with which the employee/officer is employed PC2. Have knowledge of various target groups who would be able to assist in the services of speech and hearing professionals in order to plan and organise long-term and short-term programs PC3. Be able to guide/maintain documents and records of the programs PC4. Be able to choose the appropriate methods and procedures, devise mechanism to document functioning of each of the equipment with log books, usage details, spare parts and accessories, etc., PC5. Have knowledge of community research and its implications in order to assist speech and hearing consultants in the process PC6. Have the ability to document the report periodically (monthly, quarterly, halfyearly or annually) as per the standards prescribed for the institution/ center/ set-up
Knowledge and Understanding (K)  A. Organizational The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:	
A. Organizational Context (Knowledge of the company / organization and its processes)	KA1. The scope and objectives of the organisation/set-up/centre in order to perform the duties to meet the vision and mission of the organisation KA2. Breadth and depth of the functioning of the organisation in order to choose the appropriate approaches and methods for his/her role defined in the organisation KA3. Documentation methods and communication styles to facilitate communication among the service providers and service receivers (community heads/person with communication disorders)









Coordinate	the	administrative duties

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B. Technical	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:
Knowledge	KB1. The scope and limitations of the administrative procedures
	KB2. Tests and procedures in order to provide community service
	KB3. How to be flexible to generate comprehensive reports for clear understanding
	by the community head/person with communication disorders to facilitate
	follow-up processes connected with the activity
	KB4. how to identify trouble shooting signs and symptoms of routine equipment
	and management of simple trouble shoots
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	KB5. The skills required to develop /adapt need-based test/tools/procedures and
	design for community service and to support community research with specific
	population
Skills (S)	
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic Skills	The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA1. Generate professional records for communication with authorities, clients,
	community, as well as with cross-disciplinary professionals
	SA2. Report with objectivity all the related activities keeping ethical guidelines into
	consideration
	SA3. Report findings for public for awareness programs, technical people (scientific
	group) in Seminars and conference
	SA4. Write at least in one local/ official language used in the local community
	SA5. Maintain records and be accountable as required after the interaction
	Reading Skills
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA6. Read and interpret/relate the administrative/community reports
	SA7. Read the self-reported documents by person who are non-verbal/or from
	family members
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA8. Listen actively, take time to understand the points being made and Ask
	questions as appropriate, without interrupting at inappropriate times
	SA9. Speak at least one local language/or find a suitable interpreter and
	substantiate the translated information with documents provided by the client
	SA10. Communicate effectively with all individuals by suitably adapting the
	communication skills (vocabulary, content, phrasing and complexity of theme)
	depending on the type of population that is being addressed
	SA11. Verify if the intended message to the targeted listener is sent in the right
B. Professional Skills	perspective  Decision Making
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	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB1. Extract relevant information for documentation and communicate the
	information to the authority on the performance of sub staff
	SB2. Test for trouble shoots and when to initiate correct/calibrate measures for
	trouble shoots
	SB3. Identify the relevant aspects of community service in order to design such
	programs for a given community
	SB4. Consolidate the relevance of community research for designing and proposing for funds with justification to the administrative Head









### Coordinate the administrative duties

SB5. Identify those person who can benefit from welfare measures and decide the nature of support

### **Plan and Organize**

The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to: SB6. Perform need-based procedures as demanded or indicated by the situation

#### **Customer Centricity**

The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:

SB7. Be sensitive to needs and feelings of person with communication disorders

SB8. Be sensitive to preferred mode of communication , physical well- being , hearing status, developmental abilities or cognitive abilities, social and mental health status

SB9. Be sensitive to protect the privacy and rights of person with communication disorders

SB10. Plan, organise, schedule and adapt procedures in conformation with the convenience of the patient, particularly, for young children and senior citizens and persons with severe disorders

SB11. Prescribe/advocate welfare measures to patients keeping into consideration the Non Discrimination Act of PWD

#### **Problem Solving**

The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:

SB12. Find solution to problems/challenges posed by the trainees, equipment, community and authorities

SB13. Find solutions to problems/challenges posed by the organisational set-up for logistics of administrative procedures

SB14. Find solutions to problems/challenges posed by the manpower/time constraints

SB15. Find solutions to problems/challenges posed by the Laws and Regulations concerned with Welfare measures and Authorities

### **Analytical Thinking**

The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:

SB16. Analyse and interpret the student/trainee records, community reports and other administrative circulars/notes as per the organisational structure and function

SB17. Analyse the organisational prerequisites in order to plan and schedule training, community and maintenance activity

SB18. Analyse the community needs before designing and implementing training, service and research and not follow a thumb-rule irrespective of the type of community

#### **Critical Thinking**

The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:

SB19. Collate the relevant administrative/community documents/ records and critically evaluate from the perspective of the organisation and the community in order to generate future plans.

SB20. Collate information to generate evidence-based records for empirical work SB21. Propose new ideas/strategies by critically evaluating the routine scheduled activities for growth and development of the organisation





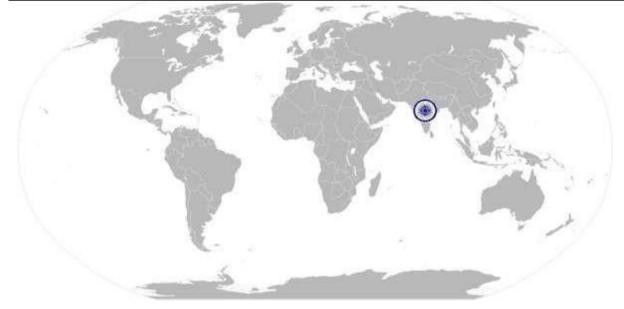




### **Coordinate the administrative duties**

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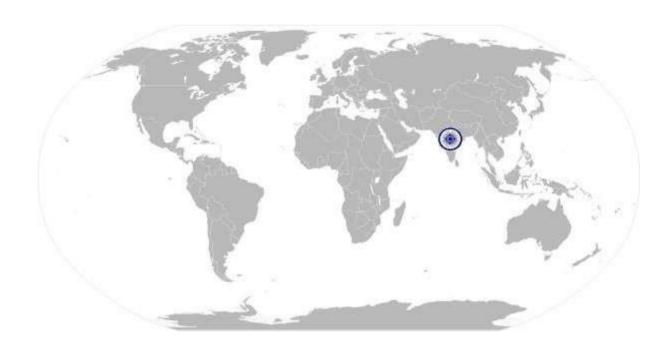






Support individuals during therapy sessions

# National Occupational Standard



## <u>Overview</u>

This Occupational Standard describes the knowledge, understanding and skills required of a Speech Audio Therapy Assistant about supporting individuals (Client) during the therapy session.









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N7603	Support individuals during therapy sessions
Unit Code	HSS/N7603
Unit Title	Support individuals during therapy sessions
(Task) Description	This OS unit is about a Speech Audio Therapy Assistant working under the direction of a qualified therapist to support him/her to run therapy sessions and may involve supporting the pupil to practice therapy exercises between sessions run by the therapist.
Scope	<ul> <li>The scope of this task is to assist senior in conducting the following:</li> <li>Preparing and maintaining environments, equipment and materials prior to, during and after therapy sessions</li> <li>Supporting individuals prior to and within therapy sessions</li> <li>Observing and providing feedback on therapy sessions</li> </ul>
Performance Criteria(	PC) w.r.t. the Scope
Element	Performance Criteria
	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC1. Identify, with the support of others, the preparation needed for therapy, and how the environment will be restored, following therapy sessions PC2. Identify role and responsibilities in the preparation and address any risk and safety PC3. Report any damage to materials, equipment or in the environment immediately, and according to organisational procedures and practices PC4. Work with individuals to identify their preferences, concerns and issues about participating in therapy sessions PC5. Reassure individuals about the nature and content of the therapy sessions PC6. Support specialist practitioners and therapists to run therapy sessions PC7. Provide active support to individuals during therapy sessions, and take account of their needs, preferences and abilities PC8. Review, agree and implement any adjustments that are needed to maximise the individual's participation and the effectiveness of the therapy sessions PC9. Follow agreed arrangements for the observation of individuals prior to, during and after therapy sessions PC10. Identify any issues or problems in relation to the therapy sessions PC11. Record and report on therapy sessions within confidentiality agreements and according to legal and organisational requirements
Knowledge and Unde	
A. Organizational Context (Knowledge of the company / organization and its processes)	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: KA1. Codes of practice and conduct; standards and relevant guidance, responsibilities, accountability and duties of others as per the organisation protocols when supporting individuals to take part in therapy sessions KA2. Current local, legislation, and organisational requirements, procedures and practices for:  • Accessing records • Recording, reporting, confidentiality and sharing information, including data

Health, safety, assessing and managing risks associated with supporting

individuals prior to, during and after therapy sessions









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	Supporting individuals prior to, during and after therapy sessions
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B. Technical	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand:
Knowledge	KB1. Key changes that may occur to individuals with colleagues and actions to take in these circumstances
	KB2. The impact of stress and fear on behaviour and the individual's ability to take
	part in and use therapy sessions effectively
	KB3. The conditions and impairments that the therapy is addressing
	KB4. The benefits and problems that might occur prior to, during and after therapy
	sessions
	KB5. The outcomes that therapy sessions aim to achieve for individuals
	KB6. The best ways of supporting the individuals through therapy sessions
	KB7. How to form a supportive relationship with individuals to enable them to
	benefit as much as possible from the therapy
	KB8. How to observe and record observations to support therapy sessions
	KB9. The key signs of problems and difficulties that need to be reported to the
	therapist
	KB10. How to involve the individual in collecting information about their experience of
	the therapy and its outcomes
	KB11. How to deal with conflicts arising prior to, during and after therapy sessions
	KB12. The risks, dangers and difficulties associated with different equipment and
	materials and in relation to specific individuals
Skills (S)	
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic Skills	The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA1. Document reports, task lists, and schedules
	SA2. Prepare status and progress reports related to patient care
	SA3. Update the physician and the other co-workers
	Reading Skills
	The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA4. Read about procedures, regulations and guidelines related to the organisation
	and the profession
	SA5. Keep updated with the latest knowledge by reading internal communications
	and legal framework changes related to roles and responsibilities
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)
	The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SA6. Interact with patients
	SA7. Give clear instructions to patients, patients relatives and other healthcare
	providers
	SA8. Avoid using jargon, slang or acronyms, while communicating with a patient
B. Professional Skills	Decision Making
b. Troicssional Skills	
	The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
	SB1. Take decisions based on applicable regulations and codes of conduct when
	possible conflicts arise
	SB2. Act decisively by balancing protocols and work at hand
	Plan and Organize









HSS/I	N7603	Support individuals during therapy sessions
		Not Applicable
		Customer Centricity
		The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:
		SB3. Be sensitive to needs and feelings of person with communication disorders
		Problem Solving
		Not Applicable
		Analytical Thinking
		Not Applicable
		Critical Thinking
		Not Applicable

# NOS Version Control

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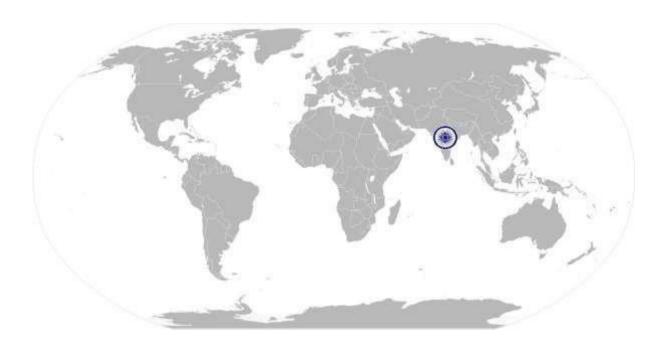




HSS/N9603 A

Act within the limits of one's competence and authority

# National Occupational Standard



## Ov erview

This Occupational Standard describes the knowledge, understanding, skills required of an Allied Health Professional to recognise the boundaries of the role and responsibilities and working within the level of competence in accordance with legislation, protocols and guidelines.









### Act within the limits of one's competence and authority

Unit Code	HSS/N9603		
Unit Title	Act within the limits of one's competence and authority		
(Task) Description	This OS unit is about recognizing the boundaries of the role and responsibilities and working within the level of competence in accordance with legislation, protocols and guidelines  This is applicable to all Allied Health Professionals working in an organised, regulated environment		
Scope	This unit/task covers the following:  • Acting within the limit of one's competence and authority;  • Knowing one's job role  • Knowing one's job responsibility  • Recognizing the job role and responsibilities of co workers  Reference: 'This National Occupational Standard is from the UK Skills for Health suite  [SFHGEN63, Act within the limits of your competence and authority] It has been tailored to apply to healthcare in India and has been reproduced with their Permission'.		
Performance Criteria(PC	C) w.r.t. the Scope		
Element	Performance Criteria		
	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC1. Adhere to legislation, protocols and guidelines relevant to one's role and field of practice PC2. Work within organisational systems and requirements as appropriate to one's role PC3. Recognise the boundary of one's role and responsibility and seek supervision when situations are beyond one's competence and authority PC4. Maintain competence within one's role and field of practice PC5. Use relevant research based protocols and guidelines as evidence to inform one's practice PC6. Promote and demonstrate good practice as an individual and as a team member at all times PC7. Identify and manage potential and actual risks to the quality and safety of practice PC8. Evaluate and reflect on the quality of one's work and make continuing improvements		
Knowledge and Underst	tanding (K)		
A. Organizational Context (Knowledge of the company / organization and its processes)	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: KA1. The relevant legislation, standards, policies, and procedures followed in the organization KA2. The medical procedures and functioning of required medical equipment KA3. Role and importance of assisting other healthcare providers in delivering care		









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B. Technical Knowledge	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand: KB1. The boundaries of one's role and responsibilities and other team members KB2. The reasons for working within the limits of one's competence and authority KB3. The importance of personally promoting and demonstrating good practice KB4. The legislation, protocols and guidelines effecting one's work KB5. The organisational systems and requirements relevant to one's role KB6. The sources of information that can be accessed to maintain an awareness of research and developments in one's area of work KB7. The difference between direct and indirect supervision and autonomous practice, and which combination is most applicable in different circumstances KB8. The risks to quality and safety arising from:    Working outside the boundaries of competence and authority   Not keeping up to date with best practice  Poor communication  Insufficient support  Lack of resources  KB9. The importance of individual or team compliance with legislation, protocols and guidelines and organisational systems and requirements KB10. How to Report and minimise risks  KB11. The principle of meeting the organisation's needs, and how this should enalone to recognise one's own limitations and when one should seek support from others  KB12. The processes by which improvements of protocols/guidelines and organisational systems/requirements should be reported  KB13. The procedure for accessing training, learning and development needs for oneself and/or others within one's organisation  KB14. The actions that can be taken to ensure a current, clear and accurate understanding of roles and responsibilities is maintained, and how this affects the way one work as an individual or part of a team	
Skills (S)		
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills	
Generic Skills	The user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:  SA1. Document reports, task lists, and schedules  SA2. Prepare status and progress reports  SA3. Record daily activities  SA4. Update other co-workers  Reading Skills  The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:  SA5. Read about changes in legislations and organizational policies  SA6. Keep updated with the latest knowledge	









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	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SA7. Discuss task lists, schedules, and work-loads with co-workers		
	SA8. Give clear instructions to patients and co-workers		
	SA9. Keep patient informed about progress		
	SA10. Avoid using jargon, slang or acronyms when communicating with a patient		
B. Professional Skills	Decision Making		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SB1. Make decisions pertaining to the concerned area of work in relation to job role		
	Plan and Organize		
	Not applicable		
	Customer Centricity		
	The user/individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:		
	SB2. Communicate effectively with patients and their family, physicians, and other		
	members of the health care team		
	SB3. Be responsive and listen empathetically to establish rapport in a way that		
	promotes openness on issues of concern		
	SB4. Be sensitive to potential cultural differences		
	SB5. Maintain patient confidentiality		
	SB6. Respect the rights of the patient(s)		
	Problem Solving		
	Not applicable		
	Analytical Thinking		
	Not applicable		
	Critical Thinking		
	Not applicable		





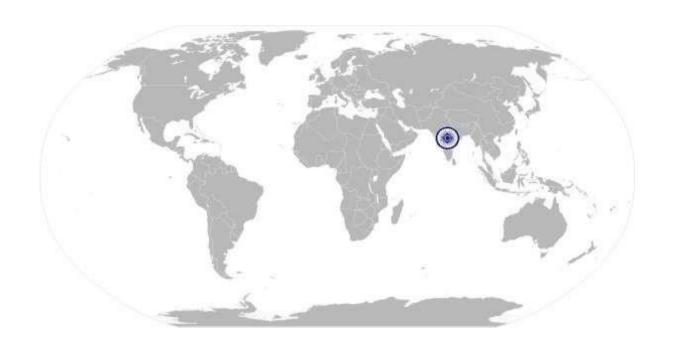




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## NOS Version Control

NOS Code	HSS/N9603		
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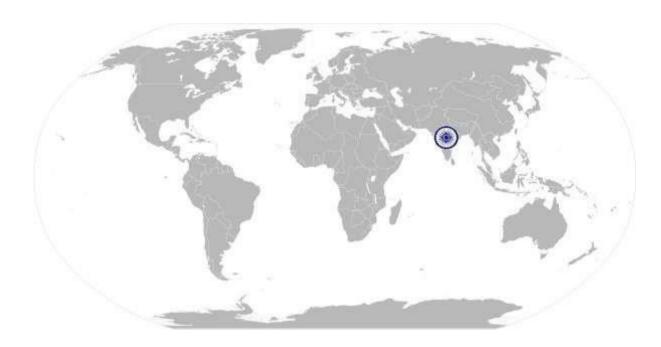






Practice code of conduct while performing duties

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This Occupational Standard describes the knowledge, understanding and skills required of an Allied Health professional to practice code of conduct setup by the healthcare provider.









## Practice code of conduct while performing duties

Unit Code	HSS/N9607
Unit Title	
(Task)	Practice code of conduct while performing duties
Description	This OS unit is about following the rules, regulations and the code of conduct setup by the healthcare provider The Allied health professional must adhere to the protocols and guidelines relevant to the field and practice This OS unit applies to all Allied health professionals working in an organized environment and to whom specific regulations and codes of conduct apply
Scope	This unit covers the following:  • Recognizing the guidelines and protocols relevant to the field and practice  Following the code of conduct as described by the healthcare provider  Demonstrating best practices while on the field
Performance Criteria(Po	C) w.r.t. the Scope
Element	Performance Criteria
	To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to: PC1. Adhere to protocols and guidelines relevant to the role and field of practice PC2. Work within organisational systems and requirements as appropriate to the role PC3. Recognise the boundary of the role and responsibility and seek supervision when situations are beyond the competence and authority PC4. Maintain competence within the role and field of practice PC5. Use protocols and guidelines relevant to the field of practice PC6. Promote and demonstrate good practice as an individual and as a team member at all times PC7. Identify and manage potential and actual risks to the quality and patient safety PC8. Maintain personal hygiene and contribute actively to the healthcare ecosystem
Knowledge and Unders	tanding (K)
A. Organizational Context (Knowledge of the company / organization and its processes)	To be competent, the user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand: KA1. Relevant legislation, standards, policies, and procedures followed in the hospital KA2. How to engage and interact with other providers in order to deliver quality and maintain continued care KA3. Personal hygiene measures and handling techniques
B. Technical Knowledge	To be competent, the user / individual on the job needs to know and understand:  KB1. The limitations and scope of the role and responsibilities along with an understanding of roles and responsibilities of others  KB2. The importance of working within the limits of one's competence and authority  KB3. The detrimental effects of non-compliance  KB4. The importance of personal hygiene  KB5. The importance of intercommunication skills  KB6. The legislation, protocols and guidelines related to the role  KB7. The organisational systems and requirements relevant to the role  KB8. The sources of information and literature to maintain a constant access to upcoming research and changes in the field  KB9. The difference between direct and indirect supervision and autonomous









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Skills (S)	practice, and which combination is most applicable in different circumstances KB10. Implications to quality and safety arising from:  • Working outside the boundaries of competence and authority not keeping up to date with best practice  • poor communication  • insufficient support  • lack of resources KB11. The organizational structure and the various processes related to reporting and monitoring KB12. The procedure for accessing training, learning and development needs
A. Core Skills/	Writing Skills
Generic Skills	To be competent, the user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:  SA1. Document reports, task lists, and schedules with co-workers  SA2. Prepare status and progress reports related to patient care  SA3. Update the physician and the other co-workers  Reading Skills
	To be competent, the user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:  SA4. Read about procedures, regulations and guidelines related to the organization and the profession  SA5. Keep updated with the latest knowledge by reading internal communications and legal framework changes related to roles and responsibilities
	Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking skills)  To be competent, the user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:  SA6. Interact with patients SA7. Give clear instructions to patients, patients relatives and other healthcare providers SA8. Avoid using jargon, slang or acronyms, while communicating with a patient
B. Professional Skills	Decision Making  To be competent, the user/ individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:  SB1. Make decisions based on applicable regulations and codes of conduct when possible conflicts arise  SB2. Act decisively by balancing protocols and work at hand  Plan and Organize  Not applicable
	Customer Centricity  To be competent, the user / individual on the job needs to know and understand how to:  SB3. Communicate effectively with patients and their family, physicians, and other members of the health care team  SB4. Maintain patient confidentiality









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	SB5. Respect the rights of the patient(s)		
	SB6. Respond patients' queries and concerns		
	SB7. Maintain personal hygiene to enhance patient safety		
Problem Solving			
	Not applicable		
	Analytical Thinking		
	Not applicable		
	Critical Thinking		
	Not applicable		

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### **CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF TRAINEES**

**Job Role** Speech & Audio Therapy Assistant

**Qualification Pack** HSS/Q7601

Sector Skill Council Healthcare Sector Skill Council

### **Guidelines for Assessment**

- 1. Criteria for assessment for each Qualification Pack will be created by the Sector Skill Council. Each Performance Criteria (PC) will be assigned marks proportional to its importance in NOS. SSC will also lay down proportion of marks for Theory and Skills Practical for each PC
- 2. The assessment for the theory part will be based on knowledge bank of questions created by the SSC
- 3. Individual assessment agencies will create unique question papers for theory part for each candidate at each examination/training center (as per assessment criteria below)
- 4. Individual assessment agencies will create unique evaluations for skill practical for every student at each examination/training center based on this criteria
- 5. To pass the Qualification Pack, every trainee should score as per assessment grid.
- 6. In case of successfully passing only certain number of NOS's, the trainee is eligible to take subsequent assessment on the balance NOS's to pass the Qualification Pack

Grand Total-1 (Subject Domain)	400
	400
Grand Total-2 (Soft Skills and Communication)	
	100
Grand Total-(Skills Practical and Viva)	
	500
Passing Marks (80% of Max. Marks)	400
	400
Grand Total-1 (Subject Domain)	
	80
Grand Total-2 (Soft Skills and Communication)	
	20
GrandTotal-(Theory)	
	100
Passing Marks (50% of Max. Marks)	
	50
Grand Total-(Skills Practical and Viva + Theory)	600







	Final Result		ually. If fai	both theory a l in any one of idate is fail	
Detaile	d Break Up of Marks		Skills Pr	actical & Viv	a
S	ubject Domain	Pick any 2	2 NOS each	of 200 marks	s totaling 400
Assessable	Assessment Criteria for the	Total	Out	Marks Allocation	
Outcomes	Assessable Outcomes	Marks (400)	Of	Viva	Skills Practical
HSS / N 7601 : Carry out speech-language and hearing screening,	PC1. Possess knowledge of the signs, symptoms and characteristics of the conditions with communication disorders		20	15	5
diagnosis and assessments under supervision	PC2. Have knowledge of the available tests, tools, procedures and methods, current developments in the diagnosis and assessment of patients with communication disorders		30	10	20
	PC3. Be able to choose the appropriate tests/tools for the screening, diagnosis and assessment		30	10	20
	PC4. Have had hands-on experience in the administration of the above	200	20	2	18
	PC5. Have knowledge of factors that could interfere with the adequacy of the test/ procedure implementation		30	20	10
	PC6. Have the flexibility to conduct need-based screening/diagnostic and assessment procedures		30	20	10
	PC7. Possess the skills to interpret the results while applying caution, wherever necessary		10	5	5
	PC8. Have the ability to document the report as per International Standards prescribed for the purpose		30	15	15
	Total		200	97	103
HSS / N 7602 : Coordinate the administrative duties	PC1. Possess knowledge of administrative procedures as prescribed for the setup/ center with which the employee/officer is employed	200	40	20	20







	PC2. Have knowledge of various target groups who would be able to assist in the services of speech and hearing professionals in order to plan and organise long-term and short-termprograms		50	30	20
	PC3. Be able to guide/maintain documents and records of the programs		20	5	15
	PC4. Be able to choose the appropriate methods and procedures, devise mechanism to document functioning of each of the equipment with log books, usage details, spare parts and accessories, etc.,		30	10	20
	PC5. Have knowledge of community research and its implications in order to assist speech and hearing consultants in the process		30	10	20
	PC6. Have the ability to document the report periodically (monthly, quarterly, halfyearly or annually) as per the standards prescribed for the institution/center/set-up		30	10	20
	Total		200	85	115
HSS / N 7603 : Support individuals during therapy sessions	PC1. Identify, with the support of others, the preparation needed for therapy, and how the environment will be restored, following therapy sessions		30	20	10
	PC2. Identify role and responsibilities in the preparation and address any risk and safety		20	15	5
	PC3. Report any damage to materials, equipment or in the environment immediately, and according to organisational procedures and practices	200	10	5	5
	PC4. Work with individuals to identify their preferences, concerns and issues about participating in therapy sessions		10	10	0
	PC5. Reassure individuals about the nature and content of the therapy sessions		20	10	10
	PC6. Support specialist practitioners and therapists to run therapy sessions		20	0	20
	PC7. Provide active support to individuals during therapy sessions, and take account of their needs, preferences and abilities		20	5	15







	PC8. Review, agree and implement any adjustments that are needed to		20	0	20
	maximise the individual's participation and the effectiveness of the therapy sessions		20	0	20
	PC9. Follow agreed arrangements for the observation of individuals prior to, during and after therapy sessions		10	0	10
	PC10. Identify any issues or problems in relation to the therapy sessions		20	10	10
	PC11. Record and report on therapy sessions within confidentiality agreements and according to legal and organisational requirements		20	5	15
	Total	•	200	80	120
	Total		200	00	120
Soft Skill	ls and Communication	Pick one field from part 1 randomly and pick field from part 2 as per NOS of subject dom picked each carrying 50 marks totaling 10		bject domain	
Assessable	Assessment Criteria for the Assessable Outcomes	Total Marks (100)	Out Of	Marks Allocation	
Outcomes				Viva	Observation/ Role Play
Part 1 (Pick one field	randomly carrying 50 marks)				
1. Attitude					
HSS/N 9603 (Act within the limits of one's competence and	PC1. Adhere to legislation, protocols and guidelines relevant to one's role and field of practice		5	3	2
authority)	PC2. Work within organisational systems and requirements as appropriate to one's role		5	3	2
	PC3. Recognise the boundary of one's role and responsibility and seek supervision when situations are beyond one's competence and authority	50	10	5	5
	PC4. Maintain competence within		5	0	5
	one's role and field of practice			· ·	
			5	2	3







	PC7. Identify and manage potential and actual risks to the quality and safety of practice		10	5	5	
	PC8. Evaluate and reflect on the quality of one's work and make continuing improvements		5	2	3	
	•		50	23	27	
HSS/ N 9607 (Practice Code of conduct while	PC1. Adhere to protocols and guidelines relevant to the role and field of practice		5	3	2	
performing duties)	PC2. Work within organisational systems and requirements as appropriate to the role		5	3	2	
	PC3. Recognise the boundary of the role and responsibility and seek supervision when situations are beyond the competence and authority		10	5	5	
	PC4. Maintain competence within the role and field of practice	50	5	0	5	
	PC5. Use protocols and guidelines relevant to the field of practice		5	2	3	
	PC6. Promote and demonstrate good practice as an individual and as a team member at all times		5	3	2	
	PC7. Identify and manage potential and actual risks to the quality and patient safety		10	5	5	
	PC8. Maintain personal hygiene and contribute actively to the healthcare ecosystem		5	3	2	
	·		50	24	26	
A	ttitude Total	100				
De	etailed Break Up of Marks			Theory	У	
	Subject Domain		Sel	ect all NOS to	otaling 80	
Assessable Outcomes	Assessment Criteria for the As	sessable	Total Marks (80)	Marks All	ocation	
Assessable Outcomes	Outcomes			Theory		
HSS / N 7601 : Carry out speech-language and hearing screening, diagnosis and	PC1. Possess knowledge of the signs and characteristics of the conditions communication disorders	with	20		5	
assessments under supervision	PC2. Have knowledge of the availab tools, procedures and methods, curre developments in the diagnosis and a of patients with communication diso	ent ssessment	ment		5	







	PC3. Be able to choose the appropriate tests/tools for the screening, diagnosis and assessment		2
	PC4. Have had hands-on experience in the administration of the above		2
	PC5. Have knowledge of factors that could interfere with the adequacy of the test/procedure implementation		4
	PC6. Have the flexibility to conduct need-based screening/diagnostic and assessment procedures		0
	PC7. Possess the skills to interpret the results while applying caution, wherever necessary		0
	PC8. Have the ability to document the report as per International Standards prescribed for the purpose		2
	Total		20
HSS / N 7602 : Coordinate the administrative duties	PC1. Possess knowledge of administrative procedures as prescribed for the setup/ center with which the employee/officer is employed		10
	PC2. Have knowledge of various target groups who would be able to assist in the services of speech and hearing professionals in order to plan and organise long-term and short-term programs		7
	PC3. Be able to guide/maintain documents and records of the programs		3
	PC4. Be able to choose the appropriate methods and procedures, devise mechanism to document functioning of each of the equipment with log books, usage details, spare parts and accessories, etc.,	30	5
	PC5. Have knowledge of community research and its implications in order to assist speech and hearing consultants in the process		2
	PC6. Have the ability to document the report periodically (monthly, quarterly, halfyearly or annually) as per the standards prescribed for the institution/center/set-up		3
	Total		30
HSS / N 7603 : Support individuals during therapy sessions	PC1. Identify, with the support of others, the preparation needed for therapy, and how the environment will be restored, following therapy sessions	30	5
	PC2. Identify role and responsibilities in the preparation and address any risk and safety		5







	PC3. Report any damage to materials, equipment or in the environment immediately, and according to organisational procedures and practices		2
	PC4. Work with individuals to identify their preferences, concerns and issues about participating in therapy sessions		0
	PC5. Reassure individuals about the nature and content of the therapy sessions		0
	PC6. Support specialist practitioners and therapists to run therapy sessions		5
	PC7. Provide active support to individuals during therapy sessions, and take account of their needs, preferences and abilities		0
	PC8. Review, agree and implement any adjustments that are needed to maximise the individual's participation and the effectiveness of the therapy sessions		4
	PC9. Follow agreed arrangements for the observation of individuals prior to, during and after therapy sessions		0
	PC10. Identify any issues or problems in relation to the therapy sessions		5
	PC11. Record and report on therapy sessions within confidentiality agreements and according to legal and organisational requirements		4
	Total		30
Gran	d Total-1 (Subject Domain)		
Soft	Skills and Communication		ch part each carrying 10 parks totaling 20
	Assessment Criteria for the Assessable	Total	Marks Allocation
Assessable Outcomes	Outcomes	Marks (20)	Theory
Part 1 (Pick one field ra	ndomly carrying 50 marks)		
1. Attitude			
HSS/N 9603 (Act within the limits of one's competence and outhority)	PC1. Adhere to legislation, protocols and guidelines relevant to one's role and field of practice		
authority)	PC2. Work within organisational systems and requirements as appropriate to one's role PC3. Recognise the boundary of one's role and responsibility and seek supervision when situations are beyond one's competence and authority PC4. Maintain competence within one's role	10	10
	and field of practice		







	PC5. Use relevant research based protocols and guidelines as evidence to inform one's practice PC6. Promote and demonstrate good practice as an individual and as a team member at all times PC7. Identify and manage potential and actual risks to the quality and safety of practice PC8. Evaluate and reflect on the quality of one's work and make continuing improvements		
	Total		10
HSS/ N 9607 (Practice Code of conduct while performing duties)	PC1. Adhere to protocols and guidelines relevant to the role and field of practice  PC2. Work within organisational systems and requirements as appropriate to the role  PC3. Recognise the boundary of the role and responsibility and seek supervision when situations are beyond the competence and authority  PC4. Maintain competence within the role and field of practice  PC5. Use protocols and guidelines relevant to the field of practice  PC6. Promote and demonstrate good practice as an individual and as a team member at all times  PC7. Identify and manage potential and actual risks to the quality and patient safety  PC8. Maintain personal hygiene and contribute actively to the healthcare ecosystem	10	10
	Total		10
	Attitude Total	10	20
Grand Total	-2 (Soft Skills and Communication)		