# National Vocational Certificate Level 3 in Micro Hydro Power Plant Technology

**Competency Standards** 









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# Competency Standards: Micro Hydel Power Plant operations (Operator) - Level 3

#### Competency Standard A: Operate and monitor Micro Hydel Power (MHP) Plant

**Overview:** This competency standard is intended for those who operate and monitor a Micro Hydel Power (MHP) plant. People holding credit for this competency standard are able to: Conduct pre-start checks; operate and monitor power plant; and complete documentation.

Competency Unit	Performance Criteria	Knowledge and Understanding
A1: Conduct pre-start checks	Trainee will be able to:  P1- Identify and obtain safety and other regulatory requirements  P2- Check safety equipment for correct operation  P3- Carry out plant and auxiliary equipment inspections and preoperational tests  P4- Observe safe working procedures	<ul> <li>K1- Safety requirements; Specifications; Hazard identification</li> <li>K2- Safety equipment for pre-start operation</li> <li>K3- Pre-start procedures</li> </ul>
A2: Control and monitor power plant operation	Trainee will be able to:  P1- Adjust and monitor water intake  P2- Operate and monitor water conveyance system  P3- Operate and monitor turbine, generator and control system  P4- Operate and monitor auxiliary equipment  P5- Detect deviations from normal operating conditions and system requirements	<ul> <li>K1- Operating principles and procedures of plant components and auxiliary equipment including: <ul> <li>Turbine, generator, control system, water conveyance system, spillway gates, valves, instruments and gauges,</li> <li>K2- Common faults in electrical, mechanical systems</li> <li>K3- Corrective measures of all above(K1 &amp; K2)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
A3: Finalize documentation	Trainee will be able to:  P1- Document irregularities in plant operation  P2- Report status of plant	K1- Common malfunctions in MHP plant K2- Reporting forms K3- Reporting procedure

#### Competency Standard B: Carry out corrective maintenance procedures on electrical components in a MHP plant

**Overview:** This competency standard is intended for those who perform corrective maintenance on electrical components in a Micro Hydel Power plant. People holding credit for this competency standard are able to: Plan and prepare for corrective maintenance; perform troubleshooting; carry out corrective maintenance; and complete work.

Competency Unit	Performance Criteria	Knowledge and Understanding
B1:	Trainee will be able to:	<b>K1-</b> Safety requirements; Specifications; Hazard identification
Plan and prepare for	P1- Identify and obtain safety and other regulatory requirements	<b>K2</b> - Drawing and symbol specifications
corrective maintenance	<b>P2-</b> Obtain and interpret electrical component specifications and/or circuit diagrams	<b>K3-</b> Tools and equipment and calibration thereof
	P3- Identify and select tools and equipment	
B2:	Trainee will be able to:	<b>K1-</b> Troubleshooting procedures (visual inspection, testing)
Perform troubleshooting	P1- Carry out safe diagnostic procedures for electrical components	<b>K2-</b> Condition assessment for electrical components
	P2- Identify faulty components	K3- Methods of fault identification on electrical components
	P3- Follow safe working procedures	K4- Safe working procedures
	P4- Report findings	
В3:	Trainee will be able to:	K1- Dismantling/Removal procedures
Carry out corrective	P1- Dismantle/Remove faulty electrical component	K2- Replacing/Repairing procedures
maintenance	P2- Replace/Repair faulty electrical component	K3- Post-repair testing procedures
	P3- Perform post-repair testing of electrical component/system	K4- Safe working procedures
	P4- Follow safe working procedures	

B4:	Trainee will be able to:	K1- Importance of documentation
Perform Final Check	P1- Complete work related documents and procedures	K2- Importance of quality
	P2- Perform final quality inspection	K3- Waste disposal procedures; Care of tools and equipment
	P3- Clean up and store tools, equipment and material	

#### Competency Standard C: Carry out corrective maintenance procedures on mechanical components in a MHP plant

**Overview:** This competency standard is intended for those who perform corrective maintenance on mechanical components in a Micro Hydel Power Plant. People holding credit for this competency standard are able to: Plan and prepare for corrective maintenance; perform troubleshooting; carry out corrective maintenance; and complete work.

Competency Unit	Performance Criteria	Knowledge and Understanding
C1: Plan and prepare for corrective maintenance	P1- Identify and obtain safety and other regulatory requirements P2- Obtain and interpret mechanical component specifications and/or drawings P3- Identify and select tools and equipment	<ul><li>K1- Safety requirements; Specifications; Hazard identification</li><li>K2- Drawing and symbol specifications</li><li>K3- Tools and equipment and calibration thereof</li></ul>
C2: Perform troubleshooting	Trainee will be able to: P1- Carry out safe diagnostic procedures for mechanical components P2- Identify faulty components P3- Follow safe working procedures P4- Report findings	<ul> <li>K1- Troubleshooting procedures (visual inspection, testing)</li> <li>K2- Condition assessment for mechanical components</li> <li>K3- Methods of fault identification on mechanical components</li> <li>K4- Safe working procedures</li> </ul>
C3: Carry out corrective maintenance	Trainee will be able to:  P1- Dismantle/Remove faulty mechanical component  P2- Replace/Repair faulty mechanical component  P3- Perform post-repair testing of mechanical component/system  P4- Follow safe working procedures	<ul> <li>K1- Dismantling/Removal procedures</li> <li>K2- Replacing/Repairing procedures</li> <li>K3- Post-repair testing procedures</li> <li>K4- Safe working procedures</li> </ul>

C4:	Trainee will be able to:	K1- Importance of documentation
Perform final Check	P1- Complete work related documents and procedures	K2- Importance of quality
	P2- Perform final quality inspection	K3- Waste disposal procedures; Care of tools and equipment
	P3- Clean up and store tools, equipment and material	

#### Competency Standard D: Carry out corrective maintenance procedures on civil structure components in a MHP plant

**Overview:** This competency standard is intended for those who perform corrective maintenance on civil structure components in a Micro Hydel Power plant. People holding credit for this competency standard are able to: Plan and prepare for corrective maintenance; perform troubleshooting; carry out corrective maintenance; and complete work.

Competency Unit	Performance Criteria	Knowledge and Understanding
D1: Plan and prepare for corrective maintenance	Trainee will be able to:  P1- Identify and obtain safety and other regulatory requirements  P2- Obtain and interpret specifications and/or drawings regarding civil structure components  P3- Identify and select tools and equipment	<ul> <li>K1- Safety requirements; Specifications; Hazard identification</li> <li>K2- Drawing and symbol specifications</li> <li>K3- Tools and equipment and calibration thereof</li> </ul>
D2: Perform troubleshooting	Trainee will be able to:  P1- Carry out assessment on civil structure components  P2- Assess deviations in civil structure components  P3- Follow safe working procedures  P4- Report findings	<ul> <li>K1- Assessment procedures (visual inspection)</li> <li>K2- Condition assessment for civil structure component</li> <li>K3- Methods of fault identification on civil structure components</li> <li>K4- Safe working procedures</li> </ul>
D3: Carry out corrective maintenance	Trainee will be able to:  P1- Repair/Fix/Amend/Build civil structure component  P2- Perform post-repair testing of civil structure component/system  P3- Follow safe working procedures	K1- Repair/Fix/Amend/Build procedures K2- Post-repair testing procedures K3- Safe working procedures

D4:	Trainee will be able to:	K1- Importance of documentation
Perform Final Check	P1- Complete work related documents and procedures	K2- Importance of quality
	P2- Perform final quality inspection	<b>K3-</b> Waste disposal procedures; Care of tools and equipment
	P3- Clean up and store tools, equipment and material	

#### Competency Standard E: Maintain records in MHP operations

**Overview:** This competency standard is intended for those who carry out operations in a Micro Hydel Power (MHP) plant. People holding credit for this competency standard are able to: maintain log book and forms; and store and communicate information.

Competency Unit	Performance Criteria	Knowledge and Understanding
E1:	Trainee will be able to:	K1- Record keeping procedures
Maintain log book and	P1- Confirm on-site recording requirements	
forms	<b>P2-</b> Record required information from operations and maintenance, including personal observations	
	P3- Record material requirements, deviations and interpretation based on personal observations and professional judgement	
E2:	Trainee will be able to:	K1- Storing requirements
Store and communicate information	P1- Store and care for log book and other records in line with workplace procedures	
	<b>P2-</b> Pass-on information to supervisor according to workplace procedures	

#### Competency Standard F: Carry out preventive maintenance procedures as part of MHP operations

**Overview:** This competency standard is intended for those who carry out preventive maintenance as part of MHP operations. *'Preventive maintenance'* in this context refers to the systematic care and servicing of machinery, equipment and infrastructure by inspection, detection, and correction of early failures either before they occur or before they develop into major defects. People holding credit for this competency standard are able to: Plan and prepare for preventive maintenance; perform daily routine checks; perform preventive maintenance; and complete work.

Competency Unit	Performance Criteria	Knowledge and Understanding
F1: Plan and prepare for preventive maintenance	Trainee will be able to:  P1- Obtain safety and regulatory requirements for maintenance P2- Interpret specifications and drawings P3- Identify and select tools and equipment	<ul> <li>K1- Safety requirements; Specifications; Hazard identification</li> <li>K2- Drawings and symbols specifications</li> <li>K3- Tools and equipment and calibration thereof</li> </ul>
F2: Perform daily routine checks	Trainee will be able to:  P1- Check for suspended trash or material at screens  P2- Check for water leakage or overflow  P3- Check for sand sedimentation  P4- Check for deformation or crack  P5- Check for mechanical malfunction, sound, vibration, temperature, oil leakage	<ul> <li>K1- Inspection requirements</li> <li>K2- Facilities and equipment to be checked include but are not limited to: <ul> <li>Intake and waterway; Sedimentation basin, headrace, tailrace, fore bay; penstock; turbine; generator; load stabiliser; transformer; transmission and distribution lines</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
F3: Perform preventive maintenance	Trainee will be able to: P1- Remove debris P2- Flush out sand sedimentation P3- Remove sand and rocks P4- Reduce water intake	<ul> <li>K1- Maintenance procedures</li> <li>K2- Hazards and risks associated with maintenance</li> <li>K3- Consequences of not performing preventive maintenance</li> <li>K4- Checklists and reports, and importance thereof</li> </ul>

	P5- Remove/Replace worn or faulty components P6- Record maintenance procedures, and report subsequent actions	
F4:	Trainee will be able to:	K1- Importance of quality
Perform Final Check	P1- Complete work related documents and procedures	K2- Waste disposal procedures
	P2- Perform final quality inspection	K3- Care of tools and equipment
	P3- Clean up and store tools, equipment and materials	

#### Documents, policies, guidelines:

- International Labour Organisation (ILO) Standards on Occupational Health and Safety
- Pakistan Electricity Act, 1910 and subsequent amendments
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Standards Association (IEEE-SA)
- Industry code of practice

# **Tools and Equipment:**

No.	Description	Quantity
	Tools	
	Mechanical	
1	7 pieces screwdriver set	
2	Adjustable wrench set	
3	Allen Keys Set	
4	Aluminum Spirit Level (leveling instrument)	
5	Bastard File with wood handle (Flat)	
6	Bastard File with wood handle (Round)	
7	Bench Vice	
8	Bench Workstation	
9	Chisel	
10	Clamp Meter	
11	Claw hammer with wood handle	
12	Combination Pliers	

13     Crimping Tool       14     Hack Saw with Blades	
14 Hack Saw with Blades	
15 Hand Drill [1/8" – 1/8"]	
16 Hand Grease Gun	
17 Hand Grinding Machine	
18 Hot Air Blower	
19 Measuring tape	
20 Micro Meter [Screw Gauge]	
21 Nose Plier	
22 Oil Can	
23 Pedestal Drill	
24 Pen Grinder	
25 Pipe Wrench [18" & 24"]	
26 Portable Welding Plant [100 – 300 Amperes]	
27 Puller	
28 Punch Set	
29 Retched Block with Grip	
<b>30</b> Screw Driver Set (-)[6"-18"]	
31 Screw Driver Set (+) [6"-18"]	
32 Side Cutting Plier	
33 Spanner Set (Open)	
34 Spanner Set (Ring)	
35 Stainless Steel Slogging Ring Spanner	
36 Thread Gauge	

37	Tong/Monkey Plier	
38	Vernier Calliper	
39	Wheel Grinder	
40	Wire Gauge	
41	Welding Plant	
	Electrical	
1	Clamp Meter	
2	Combination Plier	
3	Earth Tester	
4	Line Tester	
5	Megger	
6	Multi Meter	
7	Nose Plier	
8	Pin Plier	
9	Screw Driver Set	
10	Side Cutter	
	Safety Tools	
1	Fire Extinguisher	
2	First Aid Box	
3	Hand Gloves	
4	Hard top Hat	
5	Mask	
6	Overall combination [Dress]	
7	Safety Belt	

8	Safety Goggles	
9	Steel Toe Shoes	
	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	
	Civil	
1	Air Vent Pipe	
2	Bell Mouth	
3	Control Gates	
4	Control Valves	
5	Expansion Joint	
6	Flanges	
7	Flushing Gates	
8	Flushing Pipe	
9	Penstock	
10	Reducer	
11	Rubber Seal	
12	Trash Rack	
	Electrical	
1	Ballast Tank with Heaters	
2	Binding wire	
3	Cable Shoe	
4	Channel Iron	
5	Conductors	
6	D-Iron Set	
7	Disc Insulator [With Tension Set]	

8	Earth Wire	
9	Earthing Plate	
10	Electrical Panels	
11	Electronic Load Controller	
12	Energy Meter	
13	Generator[Brushed and Brush-less]	
14	Metal Clad Main Switch	
15	Pin Insulator	
16	Pole	
17	Power Cable	
18	Pressure Transducer	
19	Shackle Insulator	
20	Stay Insulator	
21	Stay Plate	
22	Stay Rod	
23	Stay Wire	
24	Thimble	
25	Transformer	
26	Turn Buckle	
27	Ultra Sonic Flow Meter	
	Mechanical	
1	Angle Iron [Cross Arm]	
2	Butterfly Valve	
3	Coupling [Flexible/Rigid]	

4	Crossflow Turbine	
5	Flat Belt	
6	Flat Pulleys	
7	Fly Wheel	
8	Francis Turbine	
9	Gate Valve	
10	Gear Box	
11	Governor	
12	Hydraulic Jack	
13	Operating Rod	
14	Pelton Turbine	
15	Propeller/Kaplan Turbine	
16	Single Phase Variac [Auto Transformer]	
17	Tachometer	
18	V Belt	
19	V-Pulleys	



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