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| Overview | This standard covers the competence required to handle lines when undertaking operations such as manoeuvring and the securing of vessels.  **Target Group**  This standard applies to individuals at the operational level with responsibility for handling lines between vessels and their mooring points. |

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| **Performance criteria**  You must be able to: | 1. clear all moveable obstructions and potential hazards from the area where lines are to be worked 2. identify correctly and obtain the equipment required, and confirm that it is in good working order before commencing operations 3. establish contact and agree operating arrangements with all of those involved ahead of the operations 4. communicate clearly, concisely and accurately 5. use materials and equipment correctly and safely 6. handle lines correctly at all times 7. take proper consideration of the prevailing weather and marine conditions when handling lines 8. transfer lines safely using the line handling vessel 9. use securing points correctly 10. monitor all activities and the whereabouts of individuals within the vicinity of the operations, and take immediate and appropriate actions to address potential risks and dangerous situations |

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| Knowledge and understanding  You need to know and understand: | 1. own responsibility for maintaining the health and safety of self and others 2. how currents/tides and different types of adverse weather conditions can impact upon line handling 3. how to use line handling craft 4. the correct words and phrases used in describing vessels and their movements 5. the use of hand signals and other communications when handling lines 6. how to dip a rope's eye 7. workplace procedures for dealing with incidents and emergency situations associated with handling lines |

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