



Australian Government

FWPCOT2250 Visually stress grade softwood

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package Version 5.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to visually stress grade softwood for strength against set classifications detailed in Australian Standard AS2858 as a minimum standard.

The unit applies to individuals who visually stress grade softwood in a timber processing and manufacturing facility.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Common Technical (COT)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for stress-grading	1.1 Review work order to determine job requirements and, where required, seek clarification from appropriate personnel 1.2 Review workplace health and safety procedures, including the use of personal protective equipment, equipment lock-out and safe manual handling techniques

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	1.3 Identify, assess and take actions to mitigate risks and hazards associated with visually stress-grading softwood 1.4 Identify workplace environmental protection procedures for minimising and disposing of waste material, cleaning tools and equipment, and maximising energy efficiency 1.5 Identify grading requirements according to procedures, standards and specifications 1.6 Select materials, hardware items, tools and equipment appropriate to work order, and check for operational effectiveness. 1.7 Position softwood to be graded to provide appropriate access and facilitate efficient workflow 1.8 Establish and maintain communication with others at workplace to ensure safety 1.9 Identify routine processing problems, and resolve or report to appropriate personnel
2. Evaluate softwood	2.1 Identify species and defects and check status of seasoning 2.2 Accurately record size and tolerance measurements according to workplace requirements 2.3 Establish characteristics and evaluate against standards and product specifications 2.4 Measure moisture content and evaluate against standards and seasoning requirements
3. Grade softwood	3.1 Visually stress grade softwood based on standards for the required structural grade according to workplace procedures 3.2 Diagnose and check characteristics with the greatest limiting effect on the grade 3.3 Assess the appearance, and mark and segregate material for disposal, reuse or recycling according to workplace procedures and environmental requirements 3.4 Despatch graded material to storage location 3.5 Record and report results of grading according to workplace procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Numeracy	- Estimates sizes of softwood - Measures sizes of softwood - Calibrates moisture meter
Navigate the world of work	Understands main tasks, responsibilities and boundaries of own role
Interact with others	Uses modes of communication suitable to purpose to confirm and clarify understanding

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
FWPCOT2250 Visually stress grade softwood	FWPCOT2216 Visually stress grade softwood	Reworded application statement; updated performance criteria to reflect environmental and workplace health and safety requirements; updated foundation skills; added performance evidence and knowledge evidence to map to performance criteria; updated unit code to reflect changes and meet compliance	Equivalent unit

Links

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