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Assessment Requirements for FWPCOT3238 Operate a pole saw

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Modification History

Release	Comment
1	<p>Replaces equivalent unit FPICOT3238B Operate a pole saw, which was first released with FPI11 Forest and Forest Products Training Package Version 1. This is the first release in the new standards format.</p> <p>Assessment requirements now specify the performance and knowledge evidence, as well as assessment conditions for this unit of competency. These sections simplify and replace components used in the previous unit format, including Required Skills and Knowledge, Evidence Guide and Range Statement</p>

Performance Evidence

A person demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit. If a specific volume or frequency is not stated below, then evidence must be provided that the following requirements have been performed on at least one occasion:

- undertake trimming with a pole saw to correctly and safely demonstrate competency in the following:
- assess trees and site conditions to work safely
- correct use of safety attire and protective equipment
- conduct pre-operational checks of pole saw
- trim trees at safe height and angle in line with manufacturer recommendations and organisational safe working practices
- select/adjust trimming sequence and cutting techniques in response to various tree characteristics and site conditions
- conduct operator maintenance

Knowledge Evidence

A person competent in this unit must be able to demonstrate knowledge of:

- workplace requirements and site standards for carrying out pole saw operations
- environmental risks and hazards associated with trimming trees with a pole saw
- characteristics of trees and timber defects
- Branch Bark Ridge (BBR) and Bark Branch Collar (BBC)
- appropriate trimming sequence and cutting techniques
- manufacturer recommendations and organisational safe working practices for operating a pole saw at safe height and angle limits

- methods for assessing condition of pole saw chain
- established communication channels and protocols
- problem identification and resolution strategies, and common fault finding techniques
- procedures for recording and reporting workplace information.
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Assessment Conditions

The following resources must be made available:

- a professional standard fuel or battery powered pole-mounted chain saw with telescopic extension
- work order, workplace requirements and site standards for conducting pole saw operations
- relevant personnel for the purposes of communicating information

Competency is to be assessed in the workplace or a simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessor requirements

Assessors must:

- hold the appropriate assessor competency standards as outlined in regulations; and
- be able to demonstrate vocational competencies at least to the level being assessed; and
- be able to demonstrate how they are continuing to develop their VET knowledge and skills as well as maintaining their industry currency and assessor competence.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=0d96fe23-5747-4c01-9d6f-3509ff8d3d47>