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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package Version 6.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- assessed, planned and conducted the trimming of the accessible branches of six trees within safe height and angle limits using a pole saw
- followed workplace policies and procedures, current workplace health and safety legislation, regulations and related industry standards and codes of practice in completing the tree trimming work
- inspected and carried out routine operator maintenance on one pole saw on one occasion, including removing, sharpening, replacing and adjusting the chain, according to manufacturer requirements.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- types and components of pole saws
- uses of pole saws to trim trees
- procedures for pole saw operations
- risks and hazards associated with trimming trees with a pole saw
- characteristics of trees and timber defects
- trimming sequence and pole saw cutting techniques for trimming trees
- safe height and angle limits for pole saw use when trimming trees
- criteria for assessing condition of pole saw chain
- procedures for removing, sharpening, adjusting or replacing pole saw chain and other components
- established communication channels and protocols for trimming trees with a pole saw
- problem identification and resolution strategies related to trimming trees with a pole saw

- procedures for recording and reporting workplace information related to trimming trees with a pole saw.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - an industry standard fuel or battery powered pole saw
 - tools and equipment used to maintain pole saws
 - consumable pole saw parts, oil and fuel
 - personal protective equipment required in pole saw operations
- specifications:
 - access to workplace safety and environmental policies and procedures applicable to use of pole saws for trimming branches
 - access to workplace procedures and forms for recording pole saw maintenance and faults
 - access to workplace standard operating procedures or operator manual for pole saws.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=0d96fe23-5747-4c01-9d6f-3509ff8d3d47>