



**Australian Government**

# **FWPCOT3328 Operate four wheel drive vehicle in a towing situation**

**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package Version 7.0.

## Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to tow a trailer using a four wheel drive vehicle.

The unit applies to individuals who operate four wheel drive vehicles in towing situations in a variety of work settings and industry sectors, including forestry, agriculture, construction, tourism and energy.

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.

Individuals must hold a driver licence or a provisional driver licence prior to commencing this unit of competency.

## 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 towing	1.1 Confirm four wheel drive vehicle is operational, appropriate for the conditions and has the required towing capacity 1.2 Check trailer compliance with safety regulatory requirements

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	<p>1.3 Check condition of trailer, suitability of trailer and coupling for use on rough terrain and braking system of trailer if required</p> <p>1.4 Check compatibility of trailer and four wheel drive vehicle for towing operations, including ground clearance and GCM (Gross Combined Mass) of trailer and vehicle</p> <p>1.5 Inspect and secure load onto trailer in accordance with safety and regulatory requirements</p> <p>1.6 Identify and follow safety, environmental and legal requirements relevant to towing a trailer with a four wheel drive vehicle</p> <p>1.7 Identify, fit and use suitable personal protective equipment</p> <p>1.8 Identify, select and check serviceability and rating of equipment required to carry out towing operations</p> <p>1.9 Identify, assess and take actions to mitigate risks and hazards associated with towing operations</p>
2. Use four wheel drive vehicle to tow a trailer	<p>2.1 Couple and uncouple trailer in accordance with safety requirements</p> <p>2.2 Apply safe four wheel driving skills while towing a trailer on sealed and unsealed road conditions</p> <p>2.3 Demonstrate safe braking procedures while towing a trailer on sealed and unsealed road conditions, including performing emergency stop</p> <p>2.4 Park four wheel drive vehicle and trailer</p>
3. Perform post-towing tasks	<p>3.1 Carry out inspection of vehicle and equipment following the towing operation</p> <p>3.2 Record and report activity and damage to vehicle or equipment as required</p>

## 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.*

<b>Skill</b>	<b>Description</b>
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Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read and comprehend basic factual information on road signs and in manufacturer manual</li> </ul>
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete workplace forms using required format and industry terminology</li> </ul>
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use effective verbal communication and questioning techniques to convey information to other people involved in or observing towing operation</li> </ul>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure, estimate and calculate weight and dimensions of trailer and load to be towed</li> </ul>

## Unit Mapping Information

<b>Code and title current version</b>	<b>Code and title previous version</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Equivalence status</b>
FWPCOT3328 Operate four wheel drive vehicle in a towing situation	FWPFGM3214 Operate a four wheel drive vehicle in a towing situation	<p>Reworded Application Statement</p> <p>Updated Elements and Performance Criteria</p> <p>Updated and added new Knowledge Evidence and Performance Evidence</p> <p>Reworded Foundation Skills</p> <p>Updated Assessment Conditions</p>	Not equivalent

## Links

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