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Assessment Requirements for FWPSIL2003 Prune trees

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Modification History

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

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 completed two work orders each prescribing different quantities and species of trees to be pruned.

In undertaking this activity, the individual has:

- utilised appropriate equipment for pruning task selected from:
 - pruners
 - jack saw
 - pouch
 - steps
 - epicormic remover
 - pole saw
 - ladder
 - climbing gear
 - elevated work platform according to site requirements
- implemented workplace practices for assessing pruning quality and rectifying incorrect pruning to ensure quality of grown trees
- followed environmental protection practices for disposing of pruned materials
- complied with workplace health and safety standards, including use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- completed workplace reports on pruning operations and equipment maintenance.

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:

- typical workplace hazards associated with pruning trees, and methods of minimising risks:
 - slope and uneven ground

- falling or fallen branches
- ladder instability
- climbing ladders
- loss of balance
- damp conditions
- reasons for pruning trees and using particular pruning techniques
- best seasonal timing for pruning of tree species relevant to the organisation
- criteria for selecting trees for pruning:
 - prescribed defects
 - green crowns
 - dominance
 - vigour
 - straightness
 - lean
 - size
 - angle
 - number of branches
 - overall tree health
 - stocking
 - spacing and quality requirements
- purpose, features and safe operation of tree pruning tools and equipment:
 - pruners
 - jack saw
 - pouch
 - steps
 - epicormic remover
 - pole saw
 - ladder
 - climbing gear
 - elevated work platform according to site requirements
- environmental protection practices for disposing of pruned materials:
 - recycling pruned material where appropriate
 - sending pruned material to landfill only where it cannot be recycled
 - redirecting pruned material for energy recovery
- workplace procedures specific to pruning trees:
 - workplace health and safety, with particular emphasis on risk control and use of PPE
 - communication reporting lines
 - recording and reporting pruning processes and equipment faults.

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 a forest or wood products work environment or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - trees to prune
 - tools, machinery, equipment and materials used to prune trees
 - PPE suitable for tree pruning operations
- specifications:
 - work order or instruction with specific instructions for types and quantities of trees to be pruned
 - access to workplace health, safety and environmental policies and procedures applicable to tree pruning
 - workplace procedures for tree pruning.

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>