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Modification History

Not applicable.

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:

- access and interpret ecological and biodiversity protection requirements
- safely and effectively apply biodiversity protection principles to various types of forests
- follow organisational policies and procedures relevant to implementing and monitoring ecological and biodiversity protection of a forest
- monitor and maintain ecological and biodiversity protection practices
- identify and report non-compliant work practices
- complete workplace documentation.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- applicable regulatory and legal requirements that affect forest operations in relation to ecological and biodiversity protection:
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the EPBC Act)
 - Threatened Species Conservation Act
 - Native Vegetation Act
 - native forest legislation
 - private native forest codes
 - forest operational plans
 - environmental legislation, policy and procedures
 - environmental planning and assessment
 - specific site environmental management plans
 - relevant codes of practice
 - water catchment management
 - surface and ground water conservation requirements
 - relevant Australian standards and industry standards
 - hazard reduction policy and procedures
 - plantation legislation

- plantation and reforestation code
- fisheries and fish passage
- national parks and wildlife legislation
- good neighbour policies
- award and organisational agreements
- heritage and traditional landowner
- forest certification, including Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Australian Forestry Standard (AFS) certification
- forest operational plans including one or more of the following:
 - forest operations plan
 - harvesting plan
 - plantation establishment plan
 - coupe plan
 - roading plan
 - drainage plan
 - sediment and erosion control plan
- habitats including any area or region where local animals, plants or organisms may live or rely upon for food, water, shelter or breeding purposes:
 - habitat plants and trees, including:
 - specific species
 - burrow
 - food
 - roost
 - nest
 - recruitment trees
 - hollow logs
 - rocky outcrops
 - rock overhangs
 - caves
 - soil mounds
 - creek or river banks
 - sheltered valleys or canyons
- any other site, feature or zone listed as habitat or potential habitat
- protection zones where operational conditions are varied by prescriptions for the management of ecological and biodiversity values including:
 - buffer zones
 - filter strips
 - riparian protection areas
 - exclusion zones
 - conservation management plan

- regulations, standards, codes of practice and established safe practices for ecological and biodiversity protection
- established communication channels and protocols
- procedures for recording and reporting workplace information.

Assessment Conditions

The following resources must be made available:

- forest operation site
- workplace requirements and site standards for applying biodiversity protection principles.
- 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>