



Australian Government

FWPFGM2207 Undertake brushcutting operations

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Modification History

Release	Comment
1	Replaces equivalent unit FPIFGM2207B Undertake brushcutting operations, which was first released with FPI11 Forest and Forest Products Training Package Version 2.2. This is the first release of this unit in the new standards format.

Application

This unit of competency describes the outcomes required to plan for and safely cut vegetation using a professional standard blade type brushcutter. Work is completed in a variety of work settings including forest environments, farms, nurseries and local council environments.

The unit applies to forestry worker, plantation forest officer, arboriculture worker.

No licensing, legislative, regulatory, or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Forest Growing and Management

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the range of conditions.</i>
1. Prepare for brushcutting	1.1 Review work order and where required check with appropriate personnel. 1.2 Select personal protective and other equipment and check for operational effectiveness. 1.3 Identify and assess environmental conditions and site hazards in

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	line with organisational procedures. 1.4 Select appropriate cutting methods for identified types of vegetation and to optimise time and safety.
2. Operate brushcutter	2.1 Use equipment in line with organisational safety procedures, manufacturer's instructions and environmental protection practices. 2.2 Use hand signals with other operators to maintain effective and safe operations. 2.3 Adjust brushcutter safety harness and handles to correct ergonomic position. 2.4 Monitor brushcutter for operational effectiveness and refuel as required. 2.5 Operate brushcutter appropriate to site conditions and at a safe distance from other people present. 2.6 Dispose of cut vegetation in line with environmental protection practices.
3. Complete operator maintenance	3.1 Follow organisational safety procedures to lock out equipment. 3.2 Check brushcutter blades for bluntness or damage. 3.3 Remove and replace brushcutter blades and other operator-replaceable components in line with manufacturer's recommendations. 3.4 Dispose of used blades in line with environmental protection practices. 3.5 Record and report equipment faults and maintenance requirements to appropriate personnel.

Foundation Skills

This section describes those core and employment skills that are essential to performance and are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Numeracy skills to:	complete routine measurements of fuel volume.
Oral communication skills to:	ask open and closed probe questions and actively listen to clarify contents of work orders.
Reading skills to:	- interpret: - workplace health and safety and other organisational

	procedures • work orders • manufacturers' instructions and maintenance recommendations.
Writing skills to:	• complete accurate basic records for equipment faults and maintenance requirements.
Planning and organising skills to:	• efficiently and logically sequence the stages of preparation and brushcutting activities using work order to guide activities.

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Range of Conditions

Not Applicable

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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