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FWPHAR3204 Operate split flail and wood chipper fed by mobile machine

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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to operate a split flail and wood chipper fed by a mobile machine in an infield wood chipping operation. This unit includes preparing for infield wood chipping activities, conducting pre-operational machinery checks, setting up machinery, loading whole trees and logs with mobile machine, monitoring machine operations, and implementing machine maintenance.

The unit applies to individuals who work as infield wood chipping machine operators in a commercial forest or land clearing settings.

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.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Harvesting and Haulage (HAR)

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 infield wood chipping activities	1.1 Determine job requirements from work order or instruction and, where required, seek clarification from appropriate personnel

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	1.2 Confirm production targets and assess wood flow requirements to ensure efficient machine operation and overall productivity 1.3 Confirm safety and environmental requirements for the task according to workplace procedures 1.4 Identify, assess and take actions to mitigate risks and hazards associated with machine operations 1.5 Identify emergency plan procedures to follow in the event of an emergency 1.6 Identify type and quantity of material to be chipped, and quality requirements for chipped material 1.7 Plan infield wood chipping activities according to work order or instruction 1.8 Consult with appropriate personnel to ensure that work is coordinated effectively with others in the workplace 1.9 Select, fit and use personal protective equipment 1.10 Conduct pre-operational machinery checks according to manufacturer recommendations and workplace procedures
2. Set up split flail and wood chipper	2.1 Determine an appropriate location for flail and wood chipper 2.2 Position flail and chipper according to work requirements, manufacturer instructions, terrain characteristics, workflow and workplace safety requirements 2.3 Secure and set up flail and chipper according to work requirements, manufacturer instructions and workplace safety requirements
3. Flail and chip whole trees and logs	3.1 Assess whole trees and logs and dispose of or recycle material unsuitable for chipping according to environmental protection practices, quality requirements and workplace procedures 3.2 Operate flail/chipper at feed rate applicable to safety and stability of machine, characteristics of material to be chipped, chip quality, capacity of flail and chipper and loading capacity of transport vehicles 3.3 Operate flail/chipper safely and efficiently to avoid harm to people, flail/chipper, other machines and the environment 3.4 Confirm all merchantable product from the site is loaded into flail/chipper and all waste is managed according to work plan 3.5 Chip flailed material to chip sizes and bark allowances specified in

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	work order 3.6 Monitor output for compliance with flail and chip specifications 3.7 Confirm safety of self and others and monitor location of people in relation to flail and chipper while machines are in operation 3.8 Load chipped material into transport vehicles if applicable according to vehicle load and distribution requirements and load covering requirements 3.9 Respond to critical situations requiring emergency shutdown to prevent personal injury or damage to machine or product
4. Carry out operator maintenance	4.1 Lock out machine according to workplace safety and manufacturer requirements 4.2 Access tools and service equipment required for performing routine maintenance according to manufacturer instructions 4.3 Check flail chains, chipper knives, counter knives and anvil for wear and damage at appropriate or recommended intervals 4.4 Complete operator maintenance tasks according to manufacturer recommendations and workplace procedures 4.5 Record and report production outcomes and equipment faults to appropriate personnel

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.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret workplace documentation to determine requirements
Writing	Use technical and workplace specific vocabulary to accurately and legibly complete workplace records and forms
Numeracy	Interpret numerical and graphical information shown on machine screens, displays and gauges relevant to safe machine operation

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
FWPHAR3204 Operate split flail and wood chipper fed by mobile machine	FWPHAR3215 Operate a heavy production mobile chipper	Redesigned unit using content from FWPHAR3215 Operate a heavy production mobile chipper to provide specific skills for specialised in-field wood chipping equipment	Not Equivalent

Links

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