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Assessment Requirements for FWPHAR3217 Conduct skidder operations

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Modification History

Release	Comment
1	Replaces equivalent unit FPI HAR3217A Conduct skidder 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. Assessment requirements now specify the performance and knowledge evidence, as well as assessment conditions for this unit of competency. These sections simplify and replace components used in the previous unit format, including Required Skills and Knowledge, Evidence Guide and Range Statement

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:

- safely operate a skidder with attachments to move timber to a designated site
- use lifting or towing gear including grapples, cables and winches
- follow organisational policies and procedures for effectively operating a skidder
- communicate effectively with others in the work area
- carry out routine maintenance on skidder
- record and report skidder operations and maintenance activities.

Knowledge Evidence

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

- workplace requirements and standards for operating a skidder
- environmental protection requirements
- operational procedures and checks including start-up and shut-down procedures
- equipment processes, technical capability and limitations
- skidder attachments and capabilities
- established communication channels and protocols to maintain safety
- processes for managing risks and hazards associated with hauling operations:
 - uneven/unstable terrain
 - trees
 - fires
 - overhead and underground services
 - bridges
 - buildings
 - excavations
 - traffic
 - embankments
 - cuttings
 - structures and hazardous materials
- workplace health and safety requirements, fire protocols and emergency evacuation procedures
- procedures for recording and reporting workplace records and information.

Assessment Conditions

The following resources must be made available:

- cable or grapple skidder
- trees to be moved
- personal protective equipment required for conducting skidder operations
- work order, workplace requirements and site standards for conducting skidder operations
- 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 Guide -
<http://www.skillsimpact.com.au/forestry-and-timber/skills-standards-and-qualifications/>