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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to select suitable tree stock, assess planting site and plant trees by hand as part of forestry operations.

The unit applies to individuals who plant trees by hand as part of forestry operations.

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

Silviculture (SIL)

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.</i>
1. Prepare for planting operations	1.1 Determine job requirements from work order or instruction, and where required seek clarification from appropriate personnel 1.2 Confirm safety and environmental requirements, including use of personal protective equipment, for the task according to workplace procedures 1.3 Identify, assess and take actions to mitigate risks and hazards

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	associated with manual tree planting operations 1.4 Identify emergency and evacuation procedures to follow in the event of an incident or accident 1.5 Consult with appropriate personnel to ensure that work is coordinated effectively with others in the workplace 1.6 Select tools, equipment and materials for manual tree planting, and check for serviceability according to workplace procedures 1.7 Obtain, visually assess and prepare planting stock according to work order
2. Assess planting site and tree stock	2.1 Assess and prepare planting site according to work order 2.2 Select work methods and patterns to suit tree type and planting site 2.3 Select quantity of tree stock to plant according to production target and stock quality 2.4 Confirm that required tree stock is distributed across the site ready for planting 2.5 Identify and resolve issues associated with the site, equipment, tree stock, hazards or safety according to workplace procedures
3. Plant tree stock	3.1 Use tools and equipment according to workplace procedures 3.2 Plant tree stock by hand with minimal handling, adapting work methods or patterns as required 3.3 Identify and dispose of unsuitable tree stock according to environmental protection practices 3.4 Maintain and store equipment and remaining tree stock according to workplace procedures

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	Extract information from industry guides and standard references on tree planting techniques

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Writing	• Complete basic records of tree planting activities
Oral communication	• Ask open and closed questions and use active listening techniques to clarify contents of work orders • Provide oral reports on tree planting activities
Numeracy	• Complete routine calculations involving number and spacing of tree plantings

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
FWPSIL2002 Plant trees by hand	FWPFGM2203 Plant trees by hand	Updated Application Statement Reworded Elements and Performance Criteria Updated Foundation Skills and Assessment Conditions	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for FWPSIL2002 Plant trees by hand

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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 selected suitable tree stock, prepared the planting site and planted trees by hand in one sample plot of an area to be reforested.

In undertaking this activity, the individual has:

- evaluated the planting site, determined the species and quantity of trees to be planted and selected the appropriate work method taking into account site characteristics and tree stock
- complied with environmental and safety standards, including use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- planted tree stock manually according to workplace procedures
- followed environmental protection practices in disposing of unsuitable tree stock
- maintained and stored equipment and remaining tree stock
- identified and solved one of the following problems when planting tree stock:
 - site issue
 - equipment issue
 - environmental hazard
 - safety issue
 - unsuitable planting stock
 - pests.

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 environmental hazards present in forest planting situations, and methods of minimising risks:
 - slope
 - water

- rock
- undergrowth
- slash
- depressions and holes
- falling or fallen branches
- typical causes of stock defects:
 - pests
 - diseases
 - nutritional deficiencies
- visual characteristics of stock defects:
 - defective form, including double leaders
 - malformed or insufficient root systems
 - discoloured leaves or needles
 - root compaction in container grown stock
 - relationship between height and root collar diameter
- factors to consider for planting trees and how these affect quality and characteristics of grown trees:
 - straight positioning of seedlings
 - planting depth
 - spacing and row positioning of seedlings
 - root placement
 - soil compaction
- types of tools and equipment used to plant trees manually, and procedures for their safe use and maintenance:
 - spades
 - planting frames
 - planting tools
 - harnesses
 - augers
- workplace procedures specific to planting trees by hand:
 - workplace health and safety, with particular emphasis on risk control and use of PPE
 - communication reporting lines
- environmental protection practices for forest settings:
 - cleaning plant, tools and equipment
 - disposing of and recycling waste
 - returning the environment to its original or near to original condition on completion of activity
- safe manual handling techniques for operating in forest settings, specifically those for:
 - shifting
 - lifting

- carrying tree stock.

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:
 - tree stock for planting
 - tools, equipment and materials used in manual tree planting
 - PPE suitable for manual tree planting
- specifications:
 - work order or instruction with specific instructions for types and quantities of trees to be planted
 - access to workplace health, safety and environmental policies and procedures applicable to manual tree planting
 - workplace procedures for manual tree planting.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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