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RIIMPO303E Conduct rope shovel operations

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version first released with RII Resources and Infrastructure Industry Training Package Version 3.0.

Application

This unit develops the skills and knowledge required to operate rope shovel to dig and load trucks.

This unit applies to those working in site-based roles.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory and certification requirements that apply to this unit can vary between states, territories, and industry sectors, and must be sourced from state jurisdictions prior to applying this unit.

Unit Sector

Coal mining

Metalliferous mining

Extractive

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Plan and prepare for rope shovel operations	1.1 Access, interpret and apply rope shovel documentation 1.2 Obtain, interpret, clarify and confirm work requirements before proceeding 1.3 Identify hazards and environmental issues, assess the risks and implement control measures in line with workplace policies 1.4 Select and wear personal protective equipment required for work activities 1.5 Select required rope shovel equipment and confirm suitability for work activities

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	1.6 Position or move cable towers, power lines and/or crossovers to location according to work requirements, ensuring safety of operator and other personnel 1.7 Obtain and interpret emergency procedures, and be prepared for fires, accidents and emergencies 1.8 Coordinate and communicate planned activities with others at the site prior to commencement of work activity
2. Operate shovel	2.1 Carry out prestart and start-up checks in line with workplace procedures 2.2 Identify faults or defects and rectify or report within scope of own responsibility and according to workplace procedures 2.3 Drive and operate shovel, with correct reach angle, and ensure optimum bucket load without overload or strain on shovel 2.4 Monitor and manage equipment performance using indicators and alarms according to manufacturers' specifications 2.5 Monitor hazards and risks during operations, and ensure safety of self, other personnel, plant and equipment
3. Dig and load trucks with rope shovel	3.1 Position and set up shovel for safe, efficient digging 3.2 Determine and maintain depth of bench, ensure optimum use of bucket capacity 3.3 Set and monitor bucket penetration and ensure optimum bucket load and to minimise overload or strain on shovel 3.4 Walk shovel and re-position for safe and efficient operation 3.5 Coordinate truck positioning to ensure safe loading operation 3.6 Load material on truck, and ensure bucket clears side of truck and is not swung over truck cabin to ensure safety 3.7 Check material is placed in the centre of truck tray and does not exceed truck load limit in accordance with manufacturers' specifications 3.8 Re-position shovel, and ensure safety of other operations personnel, property and equipment 3.9 Keep floor clear and level and remove spillages 3.10 Park shovel in safe area, on flat, level ground at end of operation 3.11 Shut down, secure and carry out post operational inspection of

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	equipment in line with workplace procedures
4. Conduct housekeeping activities	4.1 Clear work area and dispose or recycle materials according to workplace procedures 4.2 Manage and/or report hazards, and maintain a safe working environment 4.3 Complete and file or distribute documentation in a manner that complies with workplace practices

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Skill	Description
Reading	Identifies and interprets information from workplace procedures, documentation, legislation and regulations
Numeracy	Uses equipment operating capacity schedule to confirm safe weight load limits

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RIIMPO303E Conduct rope shovel operations (Release 1)	RIIMPO303D Conduct rope shovel operations (Release 4)	Minor updates to reflect changes to operator maintenance and relocation activities	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=88a61002-9a21-4386-aaf8-69c76e675272>

Assessment Requirements for RIIMPO303E Conduct rope shovel operations

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate the ability to complete the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

The candidate must demonstrate completion of rope shovel operations that safely, effectively and efficiently follows workplace procedures to carry out work activity on at least two occasions, and include:

- conducting prestart checks prior to commencing operations and shutdown procedures on completion of operations
- driving and operating the rope shovel for operations
- adjusting equipment operations to suit site conditions
- positioning and setting up shovel
- walking the machine in a straight line
- repositioning shovel
- shutting down, parking and securing the rope shovel equipment

In the course of the above work the candidate must also:

- locate and apply relevant documentation, policies and procedures
- select and wear personal protective equipment required for work activities
- carry out vehicle refuelling requirements and procedures where applicable
- apply safe work practices, identifying and reporting all potential hazards, risks and environmental issues
- apply problem solving and troubleshooting techniques when operating equipment
- conduct bucket loading and discharge
- conduct equipment positioning
- select and use the required tools and equipment
- apply lifting techniques
- monitor and manage equipment performance using indicators and alarms
- identify common equipment faults
- use a range of communication techniques and equipment essential to the safe completion of work activity, including hand, audible and other signals

- meet written and verbal reporting requirements and procedures associated with equipment operations

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge to complete the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes:

Key policies and procedures, legislation and established requirements rope shovel operations, including those relating to:

- site isolations
- fires, accidents and emergencies
- work health and safety, including signs of operator fatigue and how it should be managed
- operational, maintenance and basic diagnostics
- personal protective equipment
- recyclable materials
- housekeeping activities

Key factors affecting work activities described in performance evidence above, including:

- equipment processes, technical capability and limitations
- geological and technical data (basic)
- plans, reports, maps, specifications
- loading techniques
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Assessment Conditions

Mandatory conditions for assessment of this unit are stipulated below. The assessment must:

- include access to:
 - rope shovel
 - personal protective equipment
- be conducted in a safe environment; and,
- be assessed in context of this sector's work environment; and,
- be assessed in compliance with relevant legislation/regulation and using policies, procedures, processes and operational manuals directly related to the industry sector for which it is being assessed; and,
- confirm consistent performance can be applied in a range of relevant workplace circumstances

Where personal safety or environmental damage are limiting factors, assessment may occur in a simulated work environment* provided it is realistic and sufficiently rigorous to cover all aspects of this sector's workplace performance, including environment, task skills, task management skills, contingency management skills and job role environment skills.

Assessor requirements

Assessors must be able to clearly demonstrate current and relevant industry knowledge and experience to satisfy the mandatory competency standards as set out in the Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015/AQTF mandatory requirements for assessors current at the time of assessment and any relevant licensing and certification requirements.

This includes:

- vocational competencies at least to the level being delivered and assessed
- current industry skills directly relevant to the training and assessment being provided
- current knowledge and skills in vocational training and learning that informs their training and assessment
- formal relevant qualifications in training and assessment
- having knowledge of and/or experience using the latest techniques and processes
- possessing a high level of RII training product knowledge
- having an understanding and knowledge of legislations and regulations relevant to the industry and to employment and workplaces
- demonstrating the performance evidence, and knowledge evidence as outlined in this Unit of Competency, and
- the minimum years of current** work experience after competency has been obtained as specified below in an industry sector relevant to the outcomes of the unit.

It is also acceptable for the appropriately qualified assessor to work with an industry expert to conduct assessment together and for the industry expert to be involved in the assessment judgement. The industry expert must hold the relevant vocational competencies and have current industry skills directly relevant to the training and assessment being provided and must work alongside a trainer and/or assessor to conduct the assessment. This means the industry subject matter expert should hold the unit being assessed (or an equivalent unit), and must also demonstrate skills and knowledge from the minimum years of current work experience after competency has been obtained as specified below, including time spent in roles related to the unit being assessed:

Industry sector	AQF indicator level***	Required assessor or industry subject matter expert experience
Drilling, Metalliferous Mining, Coal Mining, Extractive (Quarrying) and Civil Infrastructure	1	1 Year
	2	2 Years
Drilling, Coal Mining, Extractive (Quarrying), Metalliferous Mining and Civil Infrastructure	3-6	3 Years
Other sectors	Where this unit is being assessed outside of the resources and infrastructure sectors assessor and/or industry subject matter expert experience should be in-line with industry standards for the sector in which it is being	

	assessed and where no industry standard is specified should comply with any relevant regulation.
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*Guidance on simulated environments has been stipulated in the RII implementation guide located on VETNet.

**Assessors can demonstrate current work experience through employment within industry in a role relevant to the outcomes of the unit; or, for external assessors this can be demonstrated through exposure to industry by conducting a minimum number of site assessments as determined by the relevant industry sector, across various locations.

*** While a Unit of Competency does not have an AQF level, where a unit is being delivered outside of a qualification the first numeric character in the unit code should be considered as the AQF indicator level for assessment purposes.

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