

Timber Merchandising Project

Summary of Validation Feedback, Responses and Actions



27 March 2020

This project includes the review of one qualification and five units of competency within the FWP Forest and Wood products Training Package. The final draft materials were developed as a result of feedback provided by stakeholders and subject matter experts (SMEs) during development and following broad feedback on the drafts from 27 January to 28 February 2020. The draft materials, as well as a summary of feedback received and the changes made to first drafts, were made available on the Skills Impact website for validation from 16 March to 27 March 2020.

Direct emails were sent to over 30 people from industry organisations operating in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. These stakeholders were also consulted during the previous stages. In all other States and Territories, this industry is represented by a very small number of small or non-employing organisations with no history of qualification enrolments during the last five years. Industry associations involved in the project used various engagement methods with their members including e-news, briefing notes, face-to-face briefings at members meetings and/or an online poll to gather feedback on the draft components. There are only two Registered Training Organisations who deliver the revised qualification and they both contributed to the development of the drafts and during feedback on the draft components. The Training Curriculum Services in Victoria and Western Australia also confirmed their own consultations on this project within associated TAFE networks and industry stakeholders through Industry Training Council. State-based and national industry associations and representatives from the Construction Forestry Maritime Mining And Energy Union (CFMMEU) were informed of the project throughout its progress and encouraged to communicate the projects' consultations to members.

Validation feedback was received from a variety of stakeholders via emails and surveys. Below is a summary of the validation feedback on the draft qualification and units of competency developed and reviewed for the Timber Merchandising Project, and how these issues have been dealt with. This involves a consideration of the information provided, views of industry stakeholders and from people who are part of the Subject Matter Expert Working Group process. Resolutions are constructed to consider the needs and views of stakeholders to the extent possible, and to comply with the Standards for Training Package 2012. The resolutions may represent a compromise on one or more stakeholder views with the aim of a workable outcome for industry, State and Territory Training Authorities (STAs) and training providers.

Information about the additional units that were reviewed as part of this project are also available at the end of this document.

Acronyms - PC – performance criteria, PE – performance evidence, KE – knowledge evidence, AC – assessment conditions, SMEs – Subject Matter Experts

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General		
Industry, Industry Association, VIC	I understand that our industry RTO has had extensive involvement on the Timber Supply Skills Standards and believes the new Certificate III will improve outcomes for learners compared to the current Timber Merchandising certificate.	Thanks for your feedback and support
RTO VIC	Thank you for the feedback information. No further comments from me.	Thanks for your feedback and support
Industry, Industry Association, VIC	Thanks for the update and we will continue to seek input for until cut off. Unfortunately, the crisis has taken over and re-directed our priorities at the moment. Hopefully you obtain sufficient feedback that you require.	Thanks for your feedback and support
RTO VIC	All good with the draft components.	Thanks for your feedback and support
Industry, VIC	Yes, the draft qualification meets the industry needs.	Thanks for your feedback and support
RTO QLD	I am happy with the qualification and have voted accordingly.	Thanks for your feedback and support

Timber Merchandising – Additional Units



Summary of Feedback, Responses and Actions

June 2020

This summary covers the review of three units of competency within the FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package.

The final draft materials were developed including feedback provided by stakeholders and subject matter experts (SMEs) during development of the draft units and following broad industry feedback collected from 6 April to 1 May 2020. The draft materials, as well as a summary of feedback received and the changes made to first drafts, were made available on the Skills Impact website for validation from 8 to 22 May 2020.

Direct emails were sent to Registered Training Organisations with sawmilling and processing, or timber manufactured product qualifications on scope, as well as employers identified as using these units to gather feedback on the final components. A Skills Impact News Alert was published on 8 May 2020 inviting feedback via the website, email or phone.

Validation feedback was received from stakeholders via phone, emails and online poll. Below is a summary of the issues raised for the qualifications, units of competency and skill sets developed and reviewed for the Timber Merchandising project, and how these issues have been dealt with. This involves a consideration of the information provided and views of industry stakeholders. Resolutions are constructed to consider the needs and views of stakeholders to the extent possible, and to comply with the Standards for Training Package 2012. The resolutions may represent a compromise on one or more stakeholder views with the aim of a workable outcome for industry, State and Territory Training Authorities (STAs) and training providers.

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Summary of Feedback on Additional Draft Units of Competency

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
General		
RTO, VIC	Thank you for sending through the additional 10 FWP units for validation (Timber Truss and Frame and Timber Merchandising). I have read through the units and comments.	Thank you for your feedback.
RTO, VIC	I have had a look at the unit changes, and they all look much better. No suggested amendments.	Thank you for reviewing these units of competency.
RTO, VIC	We are not using these units in our training courses. Have not got the current experience in these units.	Thank you for your response.

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
FWPCOT2238 Cut materials with a hand-held chainsaw		
RTO, NSW	<p>We no-longer deliver either of the two qualifications referenced for review, but we do commonly deliver FWPCOT2238 <i>Cut materials with a hand-held chainsaw</i> for sawmills and others that cut powerpoles and various types of pipes.</p> <p>We consider that the unit is otherwise fit for purpose and concur with the Victoria RTO comment (from draft 1 consultation re changing 'lock-out' to isolate)</p>	<p>Thank you for this feedback.</p> <p>Noting your feedback regarding cutting of pipes, specific reference to cutting timber in the PE and KE has been amended to 'materials' to ensure broader application of the unit to cutting materials other than timber.</p>