Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package Version 7.0. |

| FWPFGM2XXX | Prick out and transplant tree seedlings in a forest nursery |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prick out, transplant and pot on tree seedlings and rooted cuttings mainly for revegetation/regeneration production.  The unit applies to individuals working as arboriculture workers, farm forestry workers, forestry workers, nursery workers, plantation establishment workers, plantation forest officers and silviculturists who are involved in tree nursery 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. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector |  |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Prepare for pricking out and transplanting tree seedlings | 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 for the task according to workplace procedures  1.3 Identify, assess and take actions to mitigate risks and hazards associated with pricking out and transplanting 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 pricking out and transplanting and check for serviceability according to workplace procedures |
| 2. Prick out tree seedlings | 2.1 Extract seedlings from trays  2.2 Apply pricking out techniques that avoid damage to seedlings  2.3 Apply root positioning techniques which ensure that tap roots and lateral roots are not distorted during transfer  2.4 Apply firming-in technique that maintains root orientation  2.5 Water-in seedlings immediately after pricking out to ensure root contact with medium  2.6 Water unused seedlings to maintain plant vitality |
| 3. Transplant tree seedlings and rooted cuttings | 3.1 Trim rooted systems to a suitable length taking into account plant size, container size and root system characteristics  3.2 Check tap roots and lateral roots to ensure they are not distorted when placing in containers or when transplanting into open beds  3.3 Firm in after transplanting ensuring that root systems are not distorted. |
| 4. Clean up | 4.1 Check, clean and store tools and equipment after pricking out and transplanting operations  4.2 Reuse, recycle or dispose of waste 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. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Extract information from industry guides and standard references on prickling out and transplanting techniques |
| Writing | * Complete workplace forms * Annotate site plans |
| Oral communication | * Ask open and closed questions and use active listening techniques to clarify contents of work orders * Provide oral reports on prickling out and transplanting operations |
| Numeracy | * Count quantity of seedlings |
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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| FWPFGM2XXX Prick out and transplant tree seedlings in a forest nursery | Not applicable | New unit | Not applicable |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for FWPFGM2XXX Prick out and transplant tree seedlings in a forest nursery |
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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, on one occasion, the individual has:   * pricked out tree seedlings according to production requirements in a daily operation * transplanted tree seedlings and rooted cuttings according to production requirements in a daily operation. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| 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 workplace hazards associated with pricking out and transplanting operations and methods of minimising risks * reasons for pricking out and using particular techniques * reasons for transplanting and using particular techniques * root system quality * tap root distortion * lateral root distortion * impact of root distortion on tree stability * pricking out tree seedling techniques * extracting seedlings from trays * pricking out techniques * root positioning techniques * firming-in technique that maintains root orientation * techniques for watering-in seedlings * transplant transfer techniques for tree species * purpose, features and safe operation of tools and equipment used in pricking and transplanting operations * workplace procedures specific to pricking and transplanting operations: * workplace health and safety with particular emphasis on risk control and use of personal protective equipment * communication reporting lines * recording and reporting on pricking and transplanting operations. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| 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 work environment or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * tree seedlings * tools, equipment and materials used in pricking and transplanting operations * personal protective equipment suitable for use in pricking and transplanting operations * specifications: * access to workplace health, safety and environmental policies and procedures applicable to pricking and transplanting operations * workplace procedures for pricking and transplanting operations.   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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