Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 8.0. |

| AHCMOM3X18 | Operate a telehandler |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to operate a telehandler, including preparing for telehandler operations, using attachments, operating a telehandler and completing telehandler operations.  The unit applies to individuals who operate a telehandler under broad direction, and take responsibility for their own work.  State/territory licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit and can vary between jurisdictions. Users are advised to check with the relevant regulatory authority. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Machinery Operation and Maintenance (MOM) |

| 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 telehandler operations | 1.1 Confirm activity to be undertaken  1.2 Source and interpret relevant machinery operation and maintenance manual and manufacturer instructions  1.3 Identify hazards and risks, and implement safe working practices to manage risks  1.4 Select, fit, use and maintain personal protective equipment (PPE) applicable to the task  1.5 Conduct telehandler routine pre-operational checks according to operation and maintenance manual  1.6 Inspect for missing parts, damage, faults or malfunctions, and report and tag defects |
| 2. Select, fit and use attachments | 2.1 Select telehandler attachment for the task  2.2 Safely fit attachment according to manufacturer instructions and local conditions for use  2.3 Test attachment to ensure correct fitting and safe operation  2.4 Use attachment according to design limits and workplace procedures |
| 3. Operate and monitor telehandler | 3.1 Perform pre-start and start up procedures  3.2 Check telehandler controls, brakes, attachments and implements for manoeuvrability and serviceability and ensure faults are rectified or reported according to workplace procedures  3.3 Assess site and operating hazards and apply safe operating techniques  3.4 Drive and operate telehandler, and modify operating techniques to meet changing work conditions  3.5 Continually monitor hazards and risks, and ensure safety of self, other personnel, plant and equipment  3.6 Maintain communications during telehandler operations using hand, audible or radio communication equipment according to workplace procedures  3.7 Complete work within the operating capacity of the equipment and operator |
| 4. Complete telehandler operations | 4.1 Remove, clean and store attachment according to operation and maintenance manual and workplace procedures  4.2 Park telehandler and conduct shut down procedures according to workplace procedures  4.3 Perform routine operational servicing and minor maintenance according to operation and maintenance manual  4.4 Identify and report telehandler and attachment malfunctions, faults irregular performance or damage according to workplace procedures  4.5 Remove and store telehandler keys in required location  4.6 Maintain telehandler and equipment use records 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 | * Identify and interpret textual information from a range of sources to identify relevant and key information about workplace activities and telehandler operations |
| Writing | * Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to prepare records |
| Oral Communication | * Use clear language to report malfunctions, faults irregular performance or damage to telehandler and attachment |
| Numeracy | * Calculate quantities of vehicle fluids including fuel * Identify correct tyre pressure * Use equipment operating capacity schedule to confirm safe weight load limits |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCMOM3X18 Operate a telehandler | Not applicable | The unit has been created to address an emerging skill or task required by industry | Newly created |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCMOM3X18 Operate a telehandler |
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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 used safe working practices when operating a telehandler using attachments on at least two occasions and has:   * identified hazards and risks associated with operating telehandlers and using attachments * implemented safe working practices to minimise risks when using telehandlers and fitting and using attachments * applied workplace health and safety requirements, including fitted and used personal protective equipment (PPE) * carried out telehandler pre-operational checks and maintenance including tagging defects * carried out telehandler pre-start, start-up and shutdown procedures * driven and operated a telehandler safely, including modifying operating technique to meet changing work conditions * selected and safely attached, removed, tested and used attachments according to manufacturer specifications * operated telehandlers on an incline and an off-road surface with and without attachments and implements * reported telehandler and attachment malfunctions, faults irregular performance or damage * recorded telehandler and equipment use. | |

| 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:   * workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for operating a telehandler including appropriate use of PPE * telehandler components, controls and features and operational functions * telehandler steering systems and features * telehandler operation and maintenance manuals * features, operational functions and procedures for safe fitting and use of attachments and implements * load limits and the principles of weight distribution with regard to load shifting and telehandler movement * distinguishing characteristics of individual telehandlers including rated performance capacities * effects of various surface and difficult terrain conditions on telehandler operation and use of attachments * duty of care to self, others and the environment * relevant legislation with regard to telehandler operation and licensing requirements * common injuries, causes and implications of using unsafe practices when operating telehandlers and fitting attachments * workplace recording and reporting procedures. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * individual must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs * individual must not be taking any medication (prescribed or otherwise) that may impair judgement * individual must not be in a fatigued state when operating machinery * resources, equipment and materials: * telehandler * attachments * PPE applicable to operating a telehandler and the task being undertaken * specifications: * telehandler operation and maintenance manual * legislation relevant to telehandler operation and licensing requirements * workplace procedures relevant to telehandler operation and the task being undertaken.   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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