Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0. |

| AHCARBXX206 | Operate and maintain stump grinding machines |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to operate motorised stump grinding machines to safely remove tree stumps.  The unit applies to individuals who operate stump grinders in a broad range of job contexts who undertake defined routine activities under supervision. They exercise limited autonomy within established and well known parameters, providing solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.  No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Arboriculture (ARB) |

| 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 stump removal operations | 1.1 Confirm work instructions and stumps to be removed with supervisor  1.2 Assess the size and scale of stump grinding works  1.3 Identify and confirm location and depth of above-and-below-ground services with supervisor  1.4 Confirm workplace health and safety hazards and controls from JSA with supervisor  1.5 Confirm availability of first aid and emergency personnel, equipment and procedures  1.6 Unload stump grinder from transport vehicle according to workplace and safety procedures |
| 2. Carry out stump grinder pre-operational and safety checks | 2.1 Check maintenance log for outstanding performance issues and report incomplete maintenance to supervisor  2.2 Conduct pre-start checks on stump grinder according to manufacturer instructions  2.3 Check fluid levels and fill to manufacturer specifications  2.4 Check safety guards are secure and in place  2.5 Check safety switches are functioning correctly  2.6 Check debris curtain is in working order according to manufacturer instructions |
| 3. Complete preparations for work | 3.1 Select, check and use personal protective equipment  3.2 Assess stump and surrounds for impediments to grinding operations  3.3 Implement workplace health, safety, site, environmental and traffic control measures |
| 4. Operate stump grinder | 4.1 Plan the grinding operation and position grinder according to site conditions and operators instructions  4.2 Implement stump grinder start up procedure  4.3 Operate stump grinder to grind stump according to manufacturer and operators instructions  4.4 Monitor cutting operation and adjust cutting rate and depth according to manufacturer and supervisor instructions  4.5 Undertake corrective action when stump grinder performance or safe operation has been compromised  4.6 Implement shut down procedures following stump removal |
| 5. Complete stump grinding operations | 5.1 Dispose of waste according to work instructions and environmental procedures  5.2 Clean stump grinder and equipment according to workplace and biosecurity procedures  5.3 Perform operator maintenance according to manufacturer instructions  5.4 Report and record stump grinder usage, maintenance and repair requirements according to repairs and maintenance procedures  5.5 Load and secure stump grinder onto transport vehicle according to workplace and safety procedures, and regulatory requirements  5.6 Maintain records and report stump grinding outcomes 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 | * Interpret textual information from maintenance logs, operating instructions and policies to identify relevant and key information for preparing and operating machinery safely |
| Writing | * Complete stump grinder operation records using clear language and industry terminology to ensure clarity of meaning |
| Numeracy | * Perform basic calculations to determine fuel mixtures and machine fluid level and volumes |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCARBXX206 Operate and maintain stump grinding machines | AHCARB206 Operate and maintain stump grinding machines | Performance criteria clarified  Foundation skills added  Assessment requirements updated | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCARBXX206 Operate and maintain stump grinding machines |
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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 demonstrated the safe operation of a stump grinding machine, including:   * unloading and loading the grinder on a transport vehicle * setup and pre-operational and safety checks * site preparatory work * cleaning up, sharpening and basic maintenance activities.   There must also be evidence that the individual has:   * confirmed work instructions, stumps to be removed and assessed the size and scale of the works * determined location and depth of above-and-below-ground services * confirmed hazards and controls from job safety analysis with supervisor * confirmed the availability of first aid and emergency equipment, personnel and procedures * unloaded stump grinder machine safely from transport vehicle * checked maintenance log for outstanding performance issues and reported inconsistencies * conducted pre-start checks and ensured fluid levels were within manufacturers specifications * checked safety guards and switches for correct fit and operation * selected, checked and used appropriate personal protective equipment * assessed stump surrounds for impediments to stump grinding operations * implemented workplace, health, safety, environmental and traffic control measure * planned and positioned stump grinding machine according to site conditions and operating procedure * implemented start-up procedure and operated stump grinder according to operating instructions * monitored machine operation and made adjustments according to operators instructions * undertook corrective action when machine performance or safety was compromised * shut down machine according to operator instructions * cleaned stump grinder and disposed of waste material according to operator instructions, environmental and biosecurity procedures * performed stump grinder maintenance according to manufacturer instruction * reported and recorded stump grinder performance issues and operation * loaded and secured stump grinder on transport vehicle according to safe work procedures and regulatory requirements * maintained records and reported grinding operations according to workplace procedures. | |

| 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:   * site hazards, risk assessment and documenting controls in job safety analysis (JSA), including: * control measures for workplace health, safety, site, environmental and traffic control * personal protective equipment * first aid kits and access * emergency procedures * methods and purpose for locating above and below ground services * exclusion zones, barriers and fencing * pre-operational checks of stump grinders, including: * maintenance logs and their purpose * belts and pulleys, wear and replacement * cutter head and teeth adjustments and sharpening * tyre pressure * oil and fluid levels * preparing and adding fuel * hydraulic hoses * brakes * engine types and fuels * safety checks of stump grinders, including: * guards for belt, power take-off (PTO) and grinder head * kill switch * dead man * debris curtain * operation of stump grinders, including: * impediments to stump grinding operations * cutter head engagement and disengagement * positioning of stump grinders and operator * methods for determining spread and depth of cut * engine speed (rpm) * common faults, their signs and symptoms * environmental implications of stump grinding operations, including methods of collecting waste material and disposal and recycling * basic maintenance of stump grinding machines, including: * sharpening teeth * teeth replacement * belt replacement * records of operator usage in log record * methods of maintaining records for maintenance and replacement items. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * access to stumps ready for grinding * resources, equipment and materials: * stump grinder * tooth sharpening equipment * tools and equipment for conducting basic maintenance practices * replacement belts and cutter teeth * fuel and spill kit * personal protective equipment (PPE) * first aid, emergency and traffic management kit * specifications: * workplace procedures for stump grinding * manufacturer instructions for safe operation, cleaning and storage of stump grinding equipment * arboriculture hygiene and biosecurity standards   Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.  In addition, the following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit:   * arboriculture vocational competencies at least to the level being assessed * current arboriculture industry skills directly relevant to the unit of competency being assessed. |

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