

# Timber Merchandising Project

Have your say on the national skills needs for job roles in timber merchandising.

Timber merchandising covers a range of activities that provide the link between timber producers and the public. If you work in this area, you're invited to provide feedback on the skills requirements of this sector. Your feedback will help update national skills standards so they reflect current industry work practices and skills needs.

## Why is this project happening?

While the skills required for timber merchandising overlap with a range of retail occupations, expertise in timber is a necessity of the job. Specific knowledge of timber types and technical skills to measure and cut wood are needed to ensure customers receive the right services and products.

This project aims to redevelop the nationally recognised qualifications for timber sales to align them with the current job roles and the skills needed by employers. These qualifications are known as Certificate II and III in Timber Merchandising, yet industry stakeholders have indicated that this title and the qualifications' configuration are not adequate for skilling their employees.

*This project is being managed in partnership with ForestWorks, under the direction of the Timber Building Solutions Industry Reference Committee.*



## Key dates\*

### January-February 2020

Draft skill standards available for feedback on the Skills Impact website. Free consultation workshops will also take place.

### March 2020

The redrafted documents will be available for comment and validation.

### June 2020

Final drafts submitted to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee for endorsement.

*\*Please check website for updates*

## Want to be involved in defining the skills standards for this sector?

You have the opportunity to play a key role in defining the skills standards of job roles in timber merchandising, supporting future learners and industry as a whole.

### Visit [skillsimpact.com.au](https://skillsimpact.com.au) to:

- Provide input on the project so far
- Register for any upcoming events
- Sign up for newsletter updates

Please feel welcome to contact the project manager, Georgiana, on 03 9321 3500 or [gdaian@forestworks.com.au](mailto:gdaian@forestworks.com.au).

We also welcome feedback about current gaps in training and future trends for industry as a whole.

We are passionate about workforce development and the need for industry to have their say in the skills standards of their workforce. We know from our work that a competent employee is a more knowledgeable, confident, safe and productive worker.

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