

Timber Merchandising Project – Additional Units

Summary of Feedback, Responses and Actions



4 May 2020

Three additional units of competency were revised and drafted as part of this project.

The units are within the FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package were made available on the Skills Impact website for stakeholder review from 6 April to 1 May 2020. Please visit the [website](#) to view a full list of the documents that were submitted for consultation during this phase.

All relevant registered training organisations (RTOs) and the few employers who used these units during the last three years were contacted by direct email and follow-up phone calls. At least one of the RTOs that provided comment also engaged with one of their employers in the provision of feedback. It should be noted that the majority of these units are in the category of units with low training and assessment activity.

Below is a summary of the issues raised for the units of competency reviewed as part of 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.

Acronyms - PC – performance criteria, PE – performance evidence, KE – knowledge evidence, AC – assessment conditions, TAC – Technical Advisory Committee

Summary of feedback on draft units of competency

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
General		
RTO, VIC	<p>In regard to feedback, we provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We consulted the owner and director of [timber supplier] and he said the units of competency are not in line with current industry practices. For example, timber framing is now automated. Given that all providers have only had 35 enrolments in the units provided in the last 2 years, there is a lack of demand (which would support the premise of the relevance of units). We don't deliver any of the units provided. 	<p>Thank you for your feedback and for reaching out to your industry contact for feedback. It has been noted.</p>
RTO, QLD	<p>Thank you for your email. I did look at these when you first sent them out, and have had another look at them today. From what I can see, there are no changes that I would recommend, however, I have made</p>	<p>Thank you for reviewing these units of competency.</p>

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General		
	<p>note of the following units that we as an RTO, have not trained or assessed in for sometime now and may remove:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWPCOT2XXX Cut material to shape using a saw • FWPCOT2XXX Tally material • FWPSAW2XXX Assemble materials using nail plates • FWPCOT3XXXX Build and maintain timber stacks • FWPWPP2XXX Cut panels 	<p>Your feedback about the units that your RTO has not trained or assessed is noted. We suggest retaining these units until the review of other forestry and timber processing qualifications that contain these units is undertaken to provide a suitable opportunity to consider them.</p>

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
FWPCOT2258 Assemble products		
RTO, VIC	We use this unit regularly in the laminated beam plants and pallet construction companies like Dormit and Warrnambool Timber Industries.	Thank you for this feedback – it has been noted.
	PC 2.5 Change Staple to "fix" not all plants use staples. Is this PC even necessary? Doesn't it overlap with 2.4	Adopted – deleted PC 2.5
	PC 3.2 This PC overlaps with 2.4/5 above	Adopted – deleted PC3.2
	PC 3.3 You would expect for competency that a candidate can do this, but during assessment there may be no assembly faults. Perhaps this PC should read "Identify and correct assembly faults if necessary"	Adopted – changed wording to 'Identify and correct assembly faults if necessary'
	PE: This requirement for three different products also appears in Release 2 of the current non equivalent unit. If the requirement for three different products remains, this unit will be of limited application because most job roles in the industry are only for one product type- eg - A pallet factory only makes pallets, a box factory only makes boxes, a laminated beam plant only makes beams	Adopted – wording changed to There must be evidence that the individual has: on three different occasions assembled timber products from the following list:
	KE: Delete nail plate presses, nailing plates, gang nails. None of the specific products mentioned require nail plates or gang nails <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • compressor or compressed air supply Perhaps this should be reworded to compressed air safety and operation	Adopted – nail plate presses, nail plates and gang nails removed Reworded to 'compressed air safety and operation'

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
FWPCOT2259 Cut materials with a hand-held chainsaw		
RTO, VIC	We have used this unit regularly for timber processing companies like AKD softwoods and occasionally for associated industries like Jemena who need to trim power poles.	Thank you for this feedback – it has been noted.
	PC3.1 Suggest changing Lock- out, to isolate. Most chainsaws do not get locked out for routine maintenance.	Adopted – Changed wording

Stakeholder Comments and Identified Issues		Consideration and Proposed Resolution
FWPWPP2213 Cut panels		
RTO, VIC	I don't think we have ever used this unit. Recommend deletion.	Thank you for your feedback. We suggest retaining this unit until the review of wood panel products qualifications that contain this unit to provide a more suitable opportunity to consider it.
	Unit Mapping Information – This unit is substantially the same as the current one and is equivalent. It therefore does not require renumbering	The Training Package Development and Endorsement Process Policy (TPDEPP) specifies minor release changes as including correcting errors, updating outdated references, providing clarification to the text of units of competency without any change to the requirements. Where more significant changes have been made to wording within PC and/or Foundation skills and Assessment Requirements than simple 'edits' the unit is required to be recoded and undergo the endorsement process (of consultation and validation) to alert users of changes.
	PE – You could add laminated timber to this list in order to apply to the emerging CLT industry.	Adopted
	KE – Delete, wane, shakes, insect defects, knots, resin pockets as these are not applicable to panels. Insert instead: voids, blow out, delamination.	Adopted